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**Mud Slinging:** Above, a fraternity team pulls against its opponent in Sunday's Tug competition. The competition, which Lambda Chi Alpha won, was among the first of many Greek Week events, in which fraternities and sororities competed to earn the most points by attending and/or winning several events. Competing teams arranged themselves into pyramids on Tuesday for Human Pyramid to see which could stand the longest. Delta Upsilon won the event.



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## SGA candidates face off in debate

By Nikhil Joshi  
Staff Writer

Candidates for the presidency and vice presidency of the undergraduate student body presented their platforms and squared off in a set of debates Tuesday morning at the Campanile, with just under one week before elections. Voting will begin Monday, April 11 and end April 13. Students can vote online at [www.elections.gatech.edu](http://www.elections.gatech.edu).

Presidential candidates David Andersen, Will Welch, Micah Lucas, Tony Le and Andrew Howard were present at the debate, in addition to vice presidential candidates Saira Amir and Victor Jaworski.

Michael Bennicelli spoke in place of vice presidential hopeful Paul Byrne, who had an ROTC meeting at the time of the debate.

Presidential candidates began with opening statements, after which they answered several questions related to their reasons for running and their views on certain issues.

All of the presidential candidates emphasized the importance of SGA's role in improving student life in addition to highlighting their own ideas for improvements. Keeping the student body informed of SGA's workings was also prominent in the candidates' discussion.

Andersen's platform emphasized improving the quality of education and student services in addition to student life. He also pointed out how he thought his experience would aid him in serving as undergraduate

student body president.

He said that his connections with the administration and experience in making critical decisions as chair of the Joint Finance Committee would make him the best choice.

"This position needs someone who can serve as the student voice," he said, "someone who has a deep understanding of issues, experience and relationships with the administration."

Howard presented a similar platform, focusing on improving the quality of education and student life. He proposed the creation of a "reading day," on the Friday before finals to give students a day off to study.

"A lot of schools are already moving in this direction, and I think Georgia Tech should follow them," he said.

Howard also said that a transition from the president of the Residence Hall Association, his previous position, to student body president "would not be hard to make."

Le said that his leadership of organizations, as well as his coordinating role in Tech's tsunami relief effort, equipped him to be student body president.

He said that his limited involvement in SGA would not detract from his effectiveness.

Next, Welch said that his platform was based on making improvements

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## Library harasser apprehended

Tech police arrested an individual last Thursday, March 31, in relation to recent reports of harassment at the library. The individual, a Tech student, was reported to library security after another incident Thursday. He was transported by Tech police officers to the Tech Police Department. There, he signed a waiver of counsel and said he did not intentionally touch the woman who reported him. He was then taken to Fulton County Jail. As reported two weeks ago in *Technique*, a string of recent police reports indicated that a tall Asian male was approaching women at the library under the guise of having questions about words and then touching them in an inappropriate manner.

## Forum to discuss academic rights

A Diversity Forum town hall meeting titled "Academic Freedom: Diversity of Opinion in the Classroom" will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Success Center's Clary Theatre. The discussion will focus on the Academic Rights Bill, Senate Resolution 661, which affects all public colleges and universities in Georgia. The bill addresses discrimination on the basis of political and ideological beliefs.

## After quarter century at Tech, registrar to retire

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

After 25 years of service to Tech, five of them as the registrar, Jo McIver will retire on May 31. A search committee is underway to find a replacement registrar, although the position may fall to either of McIver's two associates.

"I've just reached a point that I feel like it's time to do some other things in my life," McIver said.

McIver has been employed at Tech since early 1981, when she accepted an assistant director position with the Registrar's Office.

A native of Atlanta, McIver said that she wanted to return to her hometown after spending several years working at other universities in the state.

"[This] was just an opportunity to give back to Atlanta," she said.

McIver jumped at the chance to become an active member of the Tech community.

"When I was eight years old, I was coming to football games at Grant Field," she said. "I have had season basketball tickets for 24 years...I live close to campus. I shop at the Kroger with the students."

McIver moved up in rank over the years, becoming an assistant registrar and later an associate registrar. When

the registrar position opened up five years ago, she decided to apply.

"I just decided, 'Why not?' And so I applied, and they hired me, and I've had five years as registrar," she said. "I have to deal with a lot of problems, but then there's a lot of good things that we do."

McIver cited graduation as one of the most significant accomplishments of the Registrar's Office. She said she considers each graduation ceremony to be one of the many highlights of her career.

"Everybody at Georgia Tech needs to go to graduation...because that's what we're all about," she said. "To be on stage there and see everybody walk across...you feel you've done a good job," she added. "And I look out at the graduates and think about the potential that's sitting there in the Coliseum, and it's just amazing."

McIver has also been witness to a lot of changes in registration procedures since the early 1980s. When she started, students used punch cards to set their schedules, which McIver said generated more than half a million cards for the fall term. That system eventually gave way to opscan forms and automated telephone systems, the predecessors

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By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

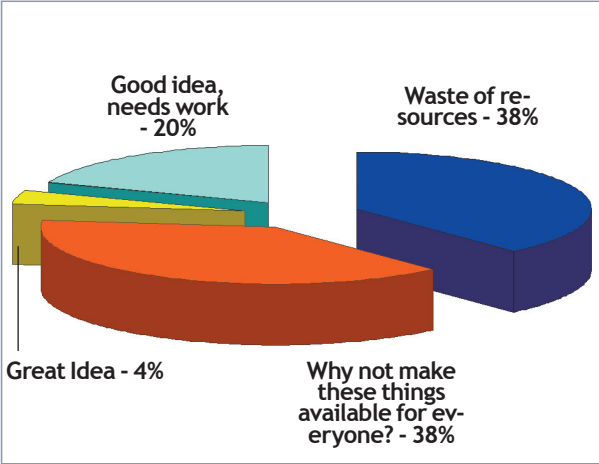
**Firing things up:** Josh Ireland helps start a homemade pulse-jet engine built by ME student Tim Hollman at the Tech Auto Show which was held this past Saturday in the IC parking lot.



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Last issue's question received 26 responses.

What do you think of the proposed honors program?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:  
**How important are SGA elections?**  
Tell us at [www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)



Missing items

On March 21, an Operations employee at the Student Center arrived at his office and noticed several items missing. The reported missing items include a JVC stereo, a pair of two-way radios, a staple gun, two hand drills and a bit case.

The total value of the missing items is \$371. There was no sign of forced entry.

Smashed window

On March 21, an attempted illegal entry at the Waste Management Building was reported. An unknown

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Fraudulent return

On March 22, a man attempted to return a Texas Instrument Calculator that he had bought at Barnes and Noble. The manager advised him that the man had purchased the calculator with a fraudulent check. The man turned over the calculator to the store and was given a criminal trespass warning.

Garbage can fire

On March 31, GTPD was advised that a garbage can in front of Fitten Hall was on fire. The fire was put out with a fire extinguisher at the scene. Atlanta Fire Department was not needed.

This week's campus crime information contributed by Amanda Dugan

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

# Senate passes set of four allocation bills

By Arcadiy Kantor  
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate passed all five of the bills it considered in Tuesday's hour-long meeting.

The senators did not deal with the pressing issue of the budget, however, postponing the bill to the end of the meeting when it first came up for discussion and then losing quorum before the meeting's end.

The remaining senators had no choice but to postpone the bill one more week. They will have to vote on the budget bill next week because, with this week's fourth postponement, GSS has pushed it back the maximum permitted amount.

The senators dealt with the week's slate of bills. The first bill up for consideration was a joint allocation to the Industrial Design Society of America to travel to a major-related

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- Joint allocation to Tech Beautification Day
- Joint allocation to Pool + Billiards Club
- Joint allocation to Sport Parachute Club (a) and (b)

### Bills postponed

- Joint Fiscal Year 2006 SAF Budget

conference in Memphis, Tenn. The organization intends to send 80 students to the conference, one of whom will be participating in a competition while there.

A senator inquired about whether the organization had looked to its department for funding and was

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## Undergraduate House of Representatives

# UHR passes next year's budget

By Shan Sharif  
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget during their weekly Tuesday night meeting. Several other bills were passed and UHR award nominations were made.

Unlike previous weeks' UHR meetings, there was almost no discussion on the budget. The only funding that was cut was for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity because representatives said that SGA does not fund social fraternities. After this amendment, representatives passed the budget.

The representatives moved on to the series of normal bills before them.

An allocation to the Sophomore Summit was passed. The organization's representative, Lindsey Bogue, said that money was needed for a two night leadership-based retreat available to all sophomores.

The organization was requesting money mostly for transportation costs for the approximately 30 to 40 members attending. JFC recommended cutting funding for a ropes course. The representatives approved this and also cut funding for speaker fees. The bill that passed allocated \$684 to the organization.

The Sport Parachute Club put a bill before the house requesting funding for a new skydiving rig and three automatic activation devices. The organization's representative



By Stephen Marek/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Elizabeth Stoner and Mark Russel, representatives from the Georgia Tech Sport Parachute Club, discuss their bill at the UHR meeting.

stated that they have seen a 300 percent growth in their club since the last year and a half. Thus, they currently have a shortage of supplies. The equipment requested was estimated to last approximately 15 years, thus allowing funds to come from the Capital Outlay account.

The House passed the bill without any amendments.

The Pool+Billiards Club requested funding for two members to attend the ACUI Collegiate 9-Ball Championship being held in Ann Arbor. The organization asked that SGA cover registration fees and travel expenses for two members to attend.

UHR passed the bill after amend-

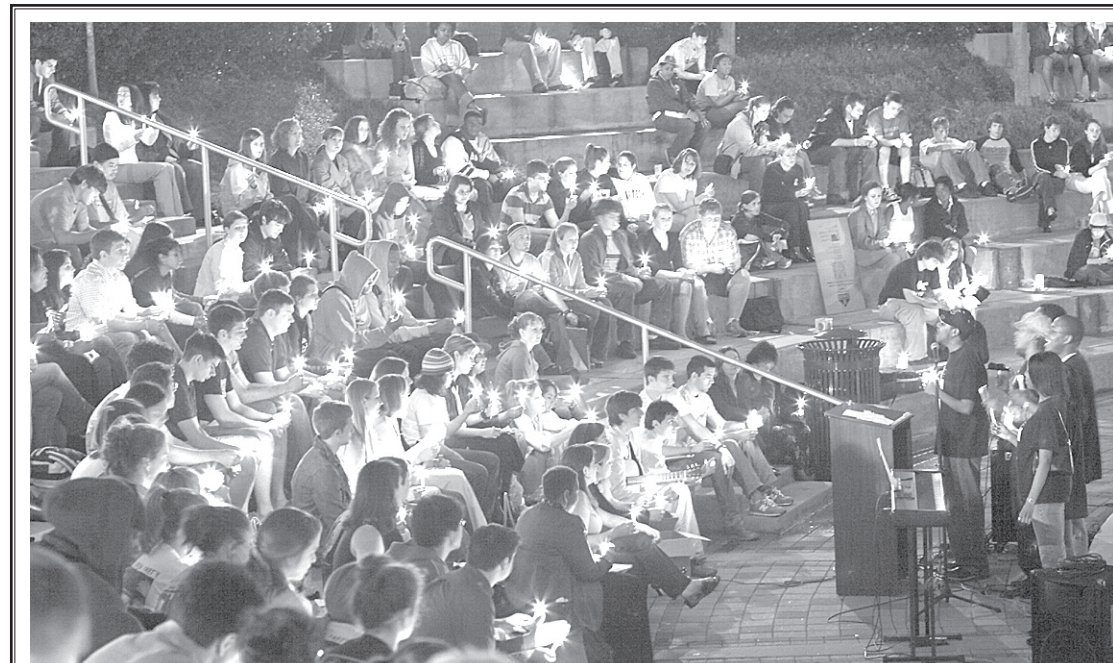
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ing it to meet JFC policy. The funding allocated to the organization was \$308.

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By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**A** *Light in the Darkness:* Students gathered at the Campanile with lit candles to rally for the prevention of sexual assault and violence at "Take Back the Night" last Thursday, March 31.

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informed that the department had no money to support the club. After minimal discussion the senators amended the bill to \$1,710 in accordance to the trip distance calculations of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and then passed it.

The senators also passed an allocation to Tech Beautification Day despite the organization having no representative present. The bill was amended per JFC recommendations and passed.

The next bill passed by the senators was a joint allocation to the Pool

and Billiards Club, which asked for money to send two Tech students to a national invitational tournament to be held in Ann Arbor, Mich. The graduates then discussed two bills from the Sport Parachute Club. The first bill requested funds to purchase a skydiving rig. The rig consists of a container and harness system, a main and a reserve parachute canopy, and an Automatic Activation Device (AAD), which automatically deploys the reserve parachute if the diver has failed to deploy one himself at a certain altitude. According to the organization representative, a single rig is expected to last the club 15 to 18 years.

The second bill asked for money to purchase three Automatic Activation Devices to replace some of the club's existing units that had exhausted their lifespan. Both bills were passed by a wide margin.

The senators heard speeches from Kasi David, who is running unopposed to take the position of graduate student body president for the second year, as well as the two candidates for vice president, Mitch Keller and Adam Brancato.

The candidates had the opportunity to briefly address the Senate and delineate the intricacies of their platforms, as well as answering some questions.

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within SGA. He emphasized the need to appropriate funds properly to student organizations that needed them the most. He also spoke on the subject of getting students more involved in SGA. "People don't have a real understanding of SGA," he said. "They think SGA does not have an impact on the campus. This is not the case, and we need to keep students informed."

Lucas said that he wanted to let students know about the role of SGA and its decisions. "My biggest concern on the campus is the lack of informed students. I want to improve communication with the student body," he said. Lucas also said he wanted to increase the awareness of student organizations.

The presidential candidates also presented their stances on more specific issues. All five agreed that the role of SGA is to improve student life, in part by keeping tuition costs low, and to fund organizations. They also agreed that the CRC should not be separated from the Student Activity Fee budget because it might compromise the funds of Tier III organizations. Each candidate said that he would implement significant policy changes if elected.

For instance, Andersen said he would work on extending food court and dining hall hours. Howard's

initiatives included a midterm course critique, in which course critique statistics would be released eight weeks into the course. Le said that he supported a weekly online newsletter to inform students of events. Welch said he wanted SGA to move away from governing organizations.

"SGA doesn't need to closely govern the organizations; let students do that. Our goal is to fund them," he said.

Finally, Lucas said that he would make himself "more available to students" and "help students stay informed about issues."

After the presidential candidates made closing statements, vice presidential candidates spoke.

Jaworski said that his experience as vice president of his fraternity and

work as a lifeguard at the CRC would qualify him well for the position.

"Georgia Tech is a very proactive campus, and I will work to increase fun at Georgia Tech and see that clubs will get funding," he said.

Bennicelli, speaking in the place of Byrne, said Byrne was an "experienced leader who knows how to work and affect the system."

Amir said that she had the most experience out of the three candidates and was thus the best choice for vice president. "I have been in SGA for three years, and I know what works and what doesn't," she said. "I promise to serve as effectively and efficiently as possible."

**"SGA doesn't need to closely govern the organizations; let students do that."**

**Will Welch**  
Presidential candidate



# Security concerns relocate Ludacris concert to Coliseum

By Haining Yu  
Assistant News Editor

Originally planned for Yellow Jacket Park, this year's Sting Break concert, which took place last night, was moved to the Alexander Memorial Coliseum due to concerns about possible security problems.

According to Matt Trinetti, chair of the Student Center Programs Council Concerts Committee, the committee in charge of planning the annual event, both the Georgia Tech Police Department and the private security company hired to police the concert raised concerns over the Ludacris concert being in Yellow Jacket Park due to the openness of the space.

GTPD and the security company were both concerned about people not affiliated with Tech flocking to campus and trying to get into the concert.

"With a name like Ludacris, especially with him being a local artist, we knew that people would probably hear about it through word of mouth," Trinetti said. "Since we are downtown... anyone could come

if they wanted if it was outside. Since [Yellow Jacket Park] is right in the middle of campus, and it is open all around it... even if they can't get into the gate, they would still be around."

The committee looked into possibly increasing security enough to keep the concert in Yellow Jacket Park; however, the needed equipment would have been too costly.

"We would need an incredible amount of fencing... which was not in our budget," Trinetti said.

Another concern that helped prompt the move was the weather. With the forecast predicting rain, event planners felt that it was the right choice to move the Ludacris concert inside.

The move to the Coliseum also created added costs for the event, some of which the committee is still working to cover.

According to Trinetti, there is the possibility that some of the money could come out of the budget for Student Center Programs Council, which could possibly affect the funding for future Student Center events.

Since the inception of Sting Break, the annual concert has been held at a different location each time, ranging from the Campanile to the lawn area outside the Instructional Center.

The last time a major student concert was held in the Coliseum was Ben Folds Five in 1999. Event planners had also originally hoped for general seating at the concert. However, concerns raised by the fire marshall caused ticketing to go to assigned seating.

According to Trinetti, the success of this year's Sting Break was contingent on the collaboration of many campus organizations.

"If any of our sponsors didn't give us the money that they did, we wouldn't be able to do the show," Trinetti said.

He hopes for more organizations to get involved in Sting Break to help ensure the future success of the event. He also said increased funding is needed if the committee continues to pursue big name acts in the future. "The more people that are involved, the more funding there is and the better our possibilities."



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**A Sinking Feeling:** A large sink hole formed at the entrance to the Van Leer parking lot across the street from the library. Crews are working to repair the damage.

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to the online Banner system.

"Because our scheduling was so complicated, because... you've got the labs and everything... we said, 'Well, why don't we just let them go online and do it?'" Mclver said.

Although the early version of Tech's online registration was driven by a command-line interface, "it was a wonderful program, and we did it probably for about five or six years before anybody at any other school, because they were terrified... 'Your students [are] going to break it.'"

The advent of the internet also meant that the Registrar's Office was able to provide other information online, including term grades.

Many of these features came

about when the office catered to demand from students, some of whom provided the code to implement the updates.

So what does Mclver plan to do now with all of her newfound free time?

"Probably—and everybody says this—travel," she said. An avid gardener, she also plans to enroll in a Master Gardener program, participate in volunteer work, and devote time to her granddaughter.

But she will always fondly remember her years at Tech.

"It has given me opportunities that I probably would not have had at other institutions," Mclver said.

"Just working with the Tech students, because they're so bright, they keep us on our toes, and that's fun."

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Representatives next considered a joint allocation to the Industrial Design Society of America. The organization requested money to attend the Southeastern Industrial Design Conference. The bill passed

and the organization received money to cover registration fees and travel expenses.

A joint allocation to Tech Beautification Day was passed after being amended according to JFC policies. The bill in its passed form allocated about \$770 to Tech Beautification

Day, which will take place Saturday, April 16.

At the end of the meeting, representatives made UHR award nominations. The awards include Representative of the Year, Committee of the Year and Faculty Member of the Year, among others.

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# OPINIONS

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### Quote of the week:

"It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers."  
—James Thurber

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

# Every vote counts

Next week students will have the opportunity to decide who will be their representatives and executive officers in the Student Government Association.

This year's election has 11 candidates competing for four executive positions: undergraduate student body president, undergraduate executive vice president, graduate student body president and graduate vice president. These positions carry with them a great deal of responsibility, responsibilities that vary from position to position.

It is imperative that every student carefully evaluate each candidate before casting his or her vote next week. While *Technique* does not endorse specific candidates, we are proposing a set of criteria that could be helpful when evaluating the merits of each candidate.

First, keep this in mind when you are listening to candidates explain their lofty goals and platforms—the winner will have only one year to accomplish his or her goals. While everyone wants to hear about how parking is going to be reformed, how the dining hall food will get better or student life otherwise improved, chances are it's not going to happen in a single year. Voters should look for candidates who have clear, realistic, achievable and (dare we say it?) original goals.

Second, vote for a proven leader, no matter where he or she gained leadership experience. These elections are not a popularity contest; whomever is elected needs to know how to manage people within an organization, communicate well and address key issues with an open mind. Executive officers need these skills in order to choose and lead students to serve as SGA committee chairs and as representatives who sit on institute-wide committees.

Most importantly, consider the initiatives that SGA has played a role in recently and pick the person who you think best represents your interests. The person you choose will be responsible for serving as the voice of the student body to the administration, the Board of Regents and state government; providing input on how the Student Life Fund will be spent; and guiding senators and representatives on how to allocate the Student Activity Fee budget. In the past few years, SGA has played a role in raising money for tsunami relief, fighting the midyear tuition increases, moving back drop day and spring break, and starting Tech Night at Six Flags.

Take five minutes out of your day next week to vote online in the election at [elections.gatech.edu](http://elections.gatech.edu). Let's help beat Duke University's record of 44 percent student voter turnout. Elections begin Monday, April 11 and continue through Wednesday, April 13.

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By Ting Cheng / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

# Bill would kill academic freedoms

This week's announcement of the Diversity Forum on the Academic Rights Bill coincided with an article from *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman, "An Academic Question," that discusses the very same issue. In Krugman's column, he warns of a future in which biology professors who don't give enough credence to creationism and geology professors who maintain that the earth is in fact billions of years old could face the possibility of getting sued.

For those of you not familiar with the Academic Rights Bill, it is a bill passed in Georgia last year that aims to "secure the intellectual independence of faculty and students and to protect the principles of academic freedom" at all public colleges and universities around the state. The bill is designed to stop, or at least curb, discrimination that is based on political or ideological beliefs, a kind of discrimination that some conservatives around the nation say is rampant within this nation's academic institutions.

At first the passing of this bill seems to be a victory for students everywhere who feel downtrodden by oppressive professors. However, when considering the implications of such legislation, it seems that there would be an overall negative effect on the classroom environment and on learning.

Though only a resolution, and therefore not lawfully binding, the bill sets the tone of the state administration's attitudes towards "academic freedom." To many contenders of the bill, this Academic Rights Bill could very well squelch the academic freedom that it claims to promote.

The main reason that this issue is so controversial right now is that the divide between supporters and contenders is largely drawn on political lines. Conservatives who feel oppressed by their mostly liberal teachers naturally support the bill, while the mostly liberal professors



"If teachers do not feel free to express themselves, can they still be effective teachers?"

**Haining Yu**

Assistant News Editor

are largely against it.

However, I'd like to take the discussion away from politics and towards the bigger picture by raising this question: if teachers do not feel free to express themselves, opinions and all, can they still be effective teachers?

According to the American Association of University Professors, that answer is no. They feel that controversy is important (obviously more so in the liberal arts) to promote learning. If a teacher is not free to express his or her opinions on controversial issues, their potency as teachers will be diminished.

As an avid social science student in high school, I remember learning the most from class discussions. It is during those discussions that I formed the basis for my personal politics and beliefs. It is also through those discussions that I learned to critically analyze an argument and to form solid ones of my own, especially when my positions differed from those of others. Those discussions often became heated, and to a biased observer, those discussions could have very well been construed as an argument and, perhaps, a violation of my "academic rights." However, without those discussions, my social science classes would have been boring and unenlightening.

On the flip side, being forced to express all views can detract from learning, such as in the scenarios brought up by Krugman's article, in which science teachers would be forced to introduce a plurality of theories for a topic, even if only one

theory is accepted by the scientific community. Some biology teachers here at Tech already give pseudo-disclaimers before lecturing on evolution, just in case someone feels offended. How would people react if physics teachers gave disclaimers before lecturing on the Newtonian laws? Can students really understand a subject if they don't believe in its central principles? And if a teacher gives a student low marks, and then the student complains that the question was subjective, who is to make the subjective decision on what is subjective?

That is where the danger lies in this legislation. I agree that teachers should, in the words of proponent David Horowitz, teach students how to think, not what to think. However I do not feel that it is possible for a teacher to withhold his or her political or ideological bias when teaching a liberal arts course. In fact, liberal arts courses are expected to promote free thought and can be extremely subjective.

I do not think it right to have a legislator or a lawyer judges what is or is not appropriate political or ideological expression within the classroom.

Lastly, I'd like to add that one can censor a mean-spirited teacher who discriminates against certain students, but that teacher will remain mean-spirited and discriminatory, perhaps even more so because he or she has been censored. However, if one censors an inspiring teacher it can only diminish their message and lessen their effectiveness.



# Making time for extracurriculars pays off

In the upcoming weeks in the opinions section, you're going to find not one or two, but five so-called "swan songs," and this editorial is the first of that series. Basically a "swan song" means that it is the editor's final editorial for *Technique*. After four long years of Tech, my time at the newspaper is nearing an end. Unfortunately I can't say the same for my time at Tech because I foolishly choose to take the often-traveled five-year plan, much to the chagrin of my parents (and myself at this point in the semester).

So instead of talking about how my future will be forever impacted by my time at *Technique* and what I'm going to take with me when I leave from here, I'm going to reflect on what I've learned from my tenure so far at both the paper and Tech, and offer a little advice.

Back when I first started Tech, there was nothing about the place my first semester that enticed me to stay an extra year. I was positive that I would graduate at 21, not 23.

My life was all planned back then—I had a five- and 10-year plan of exactly where I wanted to work and what my ideal job would be. Getting involved in the paper wasn't even part of my plan. I wanted to dedicate all of my free time to school and meeting



**"If you get invited to a club meeting, do you have anything to lose by not checking it out?"**

**Kimberly Rieck**  
Opinions Editor

new people. I wasn't even going to go to a meeting until I got an email inviting me to go because I had put down "writing" and "journalism" as hobbies on my SAT test.

By the end of my first semester of freshman year, I knew I definitely wasn't cut out to be a Computer Science major—Scheme was the bane of my existence. All I knew was that the only thing I liked about Tech was the friends I had made and my involvement in the *Nique* (and a couple of other activities). I had no clue what to study. At the time I was really confused about whether or not to major in something I enjoyed as a hobby or something that I felt I could turn into a career. After speaking with many people, advisors and people at the Majors Fair, I eventually I settled on the right combination for me.

Working at the *Nique* freshman year and since has also

taught me that money really isn't everything, which definitely helped in picking a major. If I didn't love what I was doing, there's no way that I would have spent 10 to 20 hours away from my friends and classes each week as a section editor. I definitely don't even think I could put a price tag on the time I've spent researching countless stories, interviewing interesting people and writing about my findings.

While you may be wondering, how does one balance pursuing an extracurricular activity, school work and friends, it's not easy but I've found that it's definitely possible. In my case, getting involved in the *Nique* has provided me needed relief from school on many occasions. Getting to interview movie stars (okay two—Josh Lucas and Paul Rudd) and cover the Final Four are right up there with my best school distractions. Not to mention that I was able to learn all of

the hidden intricacies to the Tech bureaucracy in no time.

In terms of friends, I've ended up making a few of my closest friends from the paper. Yes, as sad as it is, my dad was right when he told me I should join a club to meet people before I started Tech. My initial reaction was "that's so high-school."

But seriously if you get invited to a club meeting, do you have anything to lose by not going and checking it out? Even if it's something you've never heard of or sounds ridiculous (like the Lasagna Club—no offense), why not try it out? The worst thing that could happen is that you don't have a good time and you've wasted 20 minutes out of a four- or five-year college career.

It's really not a good idea to suppress your desire to get involved on campus, and excuse me for sounding too much like a tool here.

Of course, I must warn you about the slippery slope. Once you get involved in one organization, you find might find yourself unable to say no to new ones. So stick to only one new one a semester.

All-in-all, I can definitely say that not sticking to my original plans has been one of the best decisions I've made and I'd recommend everyone respond to a random email or two.

## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

### HOT- or -NOT



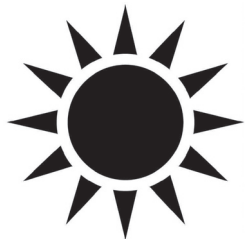
#### Sold-out concerts

After this week, you'd be hard-pressed to call Tech students apathetic and boring because not only did Thursday's Ludacris concert at the Coliseum sell out, but student tickets for the Muse concert at the Tabernacle also sold out. This is a refreshing change from the days of yesteryear when Fuel could barely manage a few thousand in Yellow Jacket Park. This shows that big-name events draw a big response.



#### Sinking lot

Earlier this week, a gigantic sinkhole appeared as the Van Leer parking lot suddenly collapsed. While the sinkhole may be a good thing for EAS majors to study, the rest of us don't exactly feel the same way about it. Not only is it impeding our access to the parking lot, but also it's adding to the already heavy construction in that area. We wish Tech and the City of Atlanta well in its efforts to fix the monstrosity.



#### Safety restored

Remember the *Nique* article a few weeks ago about a creepy guy sexually harassing women at the library? Well have no fear, your cubicles are safe again as the alleged culprit has been nabbed by the Georgia Tech Police Department. We're glad to see that a potentially dangerous situation has been speedily resolved.



#### Prism gets greedy

It's not enough anymore to just change your password for your Prism account every 90 days—now OIT wants you to use three character classes instead of two. Remembering whether or not a letter is lowercase or uppercase is causing us undue stress when all we're trying to do is find out if we've got mail.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Why should you vote?

It's that time of year again, SGA hopefuls and campaign signs spring up like flowers.

So, why should you vote? Will your vote directly affect where that nice \$3.5 million student activity fee budget goes? Maybe a little, but not much; the budget only changes a few percent from year to year.

Will your vote create radical changes? Nah, while SGA does do "stuff," nothing really big is going to happen.

Will your vote just feed into the ego of power hungry elitists? Well, maybe, but anyone who has come this far through the ranks of student government already has a healthy ego.

So really, why should you vote? This is your way to directly select who you want to be representing you throughout the year and dealing with stuff you don't want to deal with. SGA does "stuff," and other than concerts (like Ludacris) and Six Flags, mov-

ing drop day back, Course Critique, tuition lobbying and moving spring break into spring, you probably don't care about the other stuff. All that boring policy and passing all kinds of bills and committee meetings. Do you really want to do that? Empower your fellow student, a Tech student who is willing to deal with this for you. Give your SGA elected officials a strong backing with your votes so that they have power in the eyes of the administration.

With only a few minutes of your time to review the candidates and visit the elections site, you can make a difference.

Maybe it will be a close race and your vote could barely send a candidate into victory, but even if not, you will send a message to everyone that the Tech student body is strong and stands by their SGA.

Chris Rankine  
SGA Elections Chair

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# BUZZ

## Around the Campus What's the best prank that you've pulled?



**J.P. Coughlin**  
MSE Fifth-year

*"I painted a mural of a naked woman on my neighbor's ceiling."*



**Charlie Sebel**  
ME First-year

*"Some guy shaved my head when I was sleeping."*



**Greg Munna**  
BC Fourth-year

*"One time I shaved [the above] guy's head while he was sleeping."*



**Chris Fleming**  
MGT Fourth-year

*"[My friends and I] saran-wrapped someone to a bunk while he was asleep."*

Photos by Michael Kraus



## Download forum had unintentional bias

On April 5, the Honor Advisory Council hosted “The Download: Free for all?” This was designed to be an unbiased, ethically-stimulating panel discussion on the issues surrounding file sharing. It was our expectation that panel members would be challenged by the moderator and each other. It was not our intention for the audience to endure a 90-minute, one-sided lecture.

When we began planning the event, we envisioned that the panel would include the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the opposing viewpoint presented by the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF). However, a recent Supreme Court case meant that EFF was unable to present their perspectives due to limited resources.

Ideally the panel would have taken questions directly from audience members. However, the panelists were unwilling to take unscreened questions. It was for this reason that we requested questions online in order to get as much student input as possible. Due to the limited responses, we turned to the moderator to pose our questions and interact with the panel. Our expectations were not met.

We are fully aware that the event was one-sided and failed to provide an engaging discussion. Since our goal was not accomplished, we are reopening our question submission system at [www.honor.gatech.edu/thedownload](http://www.honor.gatech.edu/thedownload). We will present these questions to RIAA, EFF, etc. in writing for their responses. I hope that the Tech community understands that this event did not properly reflect our intentions. I encourage you to provide the Council with any additional feedback that you may have.

Jonathan Olinger

Chair, Honor Advisory Council

## Undergrad initiatives will lead to brighter future

Several recent guest editorials to *Technique* commented on campus changes and activities as they relate to undergraduates. Some were supportive of the changes and some were not. But both editorials asked good questions about what Tech is doing, why we are doing it and where it all leads.

As someone who is both a former student and the Institute President, I have a unique perspective. I know how different the Georgia Tech of today is from the Georgia Tech of my undergraduate years. I also have had the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementation of the changes that have occurred, and will occur. Allow me to share some of that perspective and provide you with a better understanding of where we are heading.

The foundation of our philosophy is in the Institute's Strategic Plan. Our goals are simple: we are seeking to create a culture of success and growth within an academic environment that challenges our talented students to achieve at the highest level. We want our undergraduates to be able to take advantage of the opportunities created by attending one of the world's great research universities.

We are attempting to make that happen through the Georgia Tech Undergraduate Initiative. This initiative focuses on a number of important areas:



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**Wayne Clough**  
President of the Institute

- innovative degree programs;
- enhanced study abroad;
- undergraduate research and student leadership options;
- expanded opportunities to participate in music and performing arts; the growth of a more human-centered campus;
- new student life activities; improved counseling, student health and administrative services;
- expanded sports and recreation facilities; and,
- improved academic support systems.

Each of these activities was undertaken with the help of students in the planning. Some are almost complete, while others are works in progress and will grow as more resources are found to support them.

With that said, how are we doing? To be sure, there remains work to be done to make the undergraduate experience a truly outstanding experience. In comparison to my days as a student, conditions are remarkably changed for the better. In comparison to circumstances 10

years ago it is not as dramatic, however I see real progress.

I listen to the words of a Rhodes Scholar like Jeremy Ferris and appreciate the profound benefits of undergraduate research and international educational experiences. We've quadrupled the number of Tech undergrads involved in both and are now national leaders among technological universities.

I get to shake the hand of students graduating with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and remember that such a degree did not exist 10 years ago. I watch cranes hover over the campus horizon, students throwing Frisbees on the quad and people from throughout Midtown enjoying lunch or coffee around Technology Square, and I appreciate the incalculable benefits of more than \$1 billion in investment in our campus.

I walk around the Student Center Commons and enjoy seeing crowds in new restaurants. I hear positive comments from students about the benefits of midterm grades, improved ac-

cess to the Library and West Commons and the curriculum improvements to GT 1000. I see Amy Phuong presiding over SGA and think about the impact of the Women's Resource Center on the growth of women leaders on campus. It is a pleasure to see more students at the Ferst Center (subsidized student tickets), more tents camping out for basketball tickets and more smiling faces from students who stay up and enjoy my amateur service at the annual Midnight Breakfast.

I think that we're beginning to see subtle but important results from our Undergraduate Initiative, not the least of which are a 72 percent graduation rate and a 92 percent retention rate. Both of those numbers are historical highs, and they are headed up.

Yet for all of the progress, there is much more to do. Our older buildings need renovations. Many of the new programs are stretched by lack of resources or growth in demand. And there are instances of the “old Georgia Tech” that still need to change. It is important to own up to those areas we have not addressed or we did not do well the first time around. These are some of the challenges to overcome as we work to create a great university.

I am confident that we are on the right path and that the future holds exciting promise for all of us who are privileged to be a part of the Tech community.



# FOCUS

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## EASTER TREATS

Guess what the Two Bits Man got for Easter? A rubbery toy egg. Yeah, we don't really know what he's talking about, either. **Page 20**

## SPRINGING INTO ACTION

Setter Lindsey Laband leads a women's volleyball team full of promising fresh faces into spring competition. **Page 31**



# Diverse panelists examine filesharing at debate

*Though multiple sides of issue represented, RIAA dominates the more than hour-long discussion*

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

If there's one thing that nearly every student at Tech has in common, it's a love of music. Many of us listen to it on our iPods between classes, keep it in the background while we study for our next test, and switch it on when we climb in the car.

We also keep gigabytes of it on our computers, much of it illegal.

The ethical question of downloading copyright-protected music was the hot topic of Tuesday's panel "The Download: Free for All?"

Hosted by the Honor Advisory Council (HAC), four panelists from different sides of the file-sharing debate spent 90 minutes discussing

the moral implications of illegally downloading songs from peer-to-peer (P2P) networks.

"We [wanted] to say...there's sides to it; downloading is illegal, and so there's an ethical question right there," said Erin Holtz, a fifth-year Industrial Engineering major and HAC programs chair for the discussion panel. "We didn't want to tell

people what was right...So we'd be saying, here's all the sides, now you guys...decide how to take this."

The event was sponsored by several Tech organizations, including the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, who funded the publicity, and the Office of Information Technology, who approached HAC with the idea for the panel.

Auxiliary Services and the Office of the Dean of Students provided additional support, and WREK and GTCN broadcasted the event.

The panelists included Linda Zirkelbach, Associate Counsel, Legal Affairs for the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), who fought in last week's Supreme Court case against Grokster in *MGM Studios v. Grokster*.

John Bonus, an admitted former file-sharing addict, is a Tech alumnus who co-founded the record label Bonus Records and spoke first-hand about the impact of file sharing on the industry.

"He put a human face on the big business," Holtz said.

Adam Toll represented Big Champagne, a leading provider of information about popular entertainment online. Toll played a neutral role in the discussion, providing only statistical data when asked.

The final panelist was Corinne Lee, a bassist and singer for the band Snowden. Her band's music is freely available online, a tactic she argued helps their public exposure.

The moderator was Brannon Anthony, a corporate lawyer of Lord Bissell & Brook law firm.

"His job [was] to make the panel members feel uncomfortable, to ask challenging questions," Holtz said.

The panel was originally intended to be a face-off between the RIAA and the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), one of the leading nonprofit

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**Erin Holtz**  
HAC programs chair

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By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Representatives from RIAA and various aspects of the entertainment industry participated in a panel discussion, sponsored by the Honor Advisory Council, that was held last Tuesday at the Ferst Center.

# Graduate research poster competition debuts

By Swathy Prithivi  
Contributing Writer

The multitude of research done by Tech's approximately 5000 graduate students was spotlighted at the first campus-wide Graduate Student Research Symposium Friday, April 1.

Held in the Student Center Ballroom and sponsored by the Graduate Student Government Association (SGA), the six-hour event featured almost 80 submissions by graduate students from all six colleges.

Posters displayed a wide range of research topics, including technology development in China, the role of NGOs in the coffee market, biologically-inspired odor localization, nanogels for cancer therapy, decision tools for effective management of bio-terror attacks and the effect of creep of high performance lightweight concrete.

The posters were also judged, and the best ones in each school received monetary rewards. A networking reception also followed the event.

The research symposium was the first one of its kind. Kasi David, graduate student body president, said the event was part of SGA's mission to "increase a sense of community among graduate students."

Civil and Environmental

Engineering major Leonardo Duenas-Osorio was one of the interested graduate students who took part in the event.

"I really wanted to display my work," he said. "I have [prepared] presentations in the past for conferences, and I was always wondering why...we have so much research going on and we never have the opportunity

**"I was always wondering why... we have so much research going on and we never have the opportunity [to present]."**

**Leonardo Duenas-Osorio**  
CEE graduate student

[to present]."

Pelin Pekgun, a graduate student in Industrial and Systems Engineering, was also one of the contestants who enjoyed the experience.

"It is a nice event to see all the people, what they are doing and how the research is going [at] Georgia Tech," she said.

According to Pekgun, a good

number of students stopped by the event to view the posters and talk to the students presenting them.

In addition to students, "judges from faculty and industry were seeing the posters, asking question about research and evaluating it based on clarity of presentation, research content, motivation, method and the computation," she said.

Samuel Graham, an assistant professor in the School of Mechanical Engineering, was one of the judges.

"I just wanted to come out and see the kind of research that goes on [at Tech]," he said. "It has been intriguing and interesting. I asked a lot of questions and I learned a lot."

The inter-college participation was a unique aspect of the event, Graham said. "It has been a great experience, because you get to see lot of things that are going on in different departments," he said.

"I was not looking just at Mechanical Engineering, but at ISyE, Civil Engineering," Graham said.

The students who participated also benefited. "It is important to hear comments from people who have a completely different point of view which you may not

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Above: Prosthetics and Orthotics graduate student Andrew Sawers (right) presents his poster. Left: several of the poster competition winners display their award certificates.



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have because you are completely immersed in your work,” Duenas-Osorio said.

Many of the participants agreed that the event should definitely be repeated.

According to David, SGA will continue its efforts to make the symposium an regular event, and perhaps even extend its scope to undergraduate students.

However, the newness of the event also drew plenty of suggestions for future improvement.

William Rouse, chair of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, was part of an attentive audience and came to the event to support the school’s graduate student efforts.

“I was definitely expecting more people, both presenting and viewing the posters,” he said.

His suggestions for improvement included greater publicity of

the event.

Pekgun suggested reevaluating competition categories.

“I think it will be fairer if they split the judging by department instead of schools...Industrial and Systems Engineering is very different [from] Electrical and Computer Engineering, for example. It would more fair if they evaluated on a different basis,” Pekgun said. Other suggestions included increasing the number of judges and providing poster board materials for participants.

2005 GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM WINNERS

Overall winner: Mark Tschopp (Materials Science and Engineering)

- Ivan Allen: Monica Oliver (Public Policy)
- CoM: Jeff Ramsaur, Rosie Kwok, Carrie Coker, and Ree’l Street (MGT)
- CoC: Jay Summet (Human-Computer Interaction)
- CoA: Subrahmanyam Muthukumar (City Planning), Liora Sahar (Design Computing)
- CoS: Heather Bean (Chemistry), Bahareh Azizi (Chemistry)
- CoE: Soon Gi Lee (winner, Materials Science and Engineering)
- Niang Gang (honorable mention, Biomedical Engineering)
- Leonardo Duenas-Osorio (honorable mention, Civil and Env. Eng.)
- Mauricio Lopez (honorable mention, Civil and Env. Engineering)

sliver

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crappy AC...pollen outside...leaf blower man...can’t open window... can’t breath...please take me now sweet death...

I just say someone use the speed bump on Atlantic near 10 to launch their car 2 ft. in the air

INTA majors may be “fake”, but in our classes “the ratio” exist - last laugh!

blow me

Hotel toilets viciously clogged during spring break: 3

Is flirting cheating?

Yay, I have a great boyfriend! Who knew Tech also had hot guys? girls grunting and sliding around in the mud? everybody’s a winner in tug.

Saira: 1 semester plus 2 semesters plus 1 semester = 4 semesters = 2 years != 3 years

Vote Andrew Howard for SGA President.

Mr. Rogers will read this in 2016...I know this

SAY IT AIN’T SO! DEAD WEEK APPROACHES!!!!

You know, when you stay awake and lose an hour in the space of 3 seconds, you get really tired...

You drink blood, you not wake up from nightmare

Thank you for printing slivers again...I now have 200% more incentive to pick up a copy

What ever happened to excluding people not fit to play real athletics? Frisbee is a joke.

You know what else chases frisbees? Dogs. Play a real sport.

Sports without contact is like a car without wheels. I’m not talking about some futuristic hover car either.

Vote Paul Byrne for VP, all the cool kids are doing it. You do want to be cool, don’t you?

Don’t be bitter jsut because you aren’t in the posse.

Why does the girls basketball team walk around like they won something?

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Wanna write for the ‘Nique?

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Tech Tower

**Correct submissions:**  
Chris Dalbec, Aaron Bolduc,  
Guillermo Narsillo, Albert Peterson  
Kendal Carey



# Tech Up Close

## THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:



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# LCC symposium brings out the “monstrous” in all of us

## Two-day event features science-fiction authors and student work, *Buffy* and Cartoon Network

By Kristin Noell  
Senior Staff Writer

Last week, the School of Literature, Communication and Culture (LCC) held a symposium entitled “Monstrous Bodies in Science, Fiction and Culture: Celebrating 25 years of the fantastic in the arts at Georgia Tech.”

The two-day event featured a variety of events, including panelists, lectures, exhibits and readings.

“Thursday was our kind of ‘Tech’ day,” explained Amelia Shackelford, a Science, Technology and Culture major and the conference assistant. Students presented both fiction and academic works. There was also a lunch and a session with sci-fi author and guest of honor Paul di Filippo.

Friday’s events focused more on the local Atlanta science fiction scene. Popular culture expert Rhonda Wilcox spoke about *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, editors and producers from Cartoon Network’s *Adult Swim* participated in an open Q&A discussion, and there was a session on how to get into the fiction, comics and movie industry as a professional writer.

The idea for a “Monstrous Bodies”

symposium emerged in part from the ashes of the Frankenstein exhibit that visited Tech last year.

“Everyone wanted to follow that up, because it was such a big success,” Shackelford said. The department contemplated holding a Dracula-themed event, but found the topic to be somewhat narrow.

“We found that very few of us were really doing any research or work with vampires,” Shackelford said, “So through a lot of brainstorming and looking at what everyone was working on, we just really expanded it out to ‘monstrous bodies.’”

Lisa Yaszek, an assistant professor in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture (LCC), was responsible for bringing in

speakers for the Frankenstein event and, as the conference coordinator, for “Monstrous Bodies” as well.

According to Yaszek, planning for “Monstrous Bodies” began about a year ago.

One reason for the symposium was to celebrate 25 years of science fiction at Tech, beginning with LCC professor emeritus Irving ‘Bud’ Foote’s pioneering work in science fiction studies.

Foote started putting science fiction classes together for university

credit and taught the first one in 1971. Throughout his career, he brought science fiction authors to Tech, and when he retired in 1999, he donated a large science fiction collection to the library.

“People weren’t really teaching science fiction studies at the university level much before the late 1960s and early ‘70s,” Yaszek said.

“We wanted to celebrate Bud’s work, and show the community what we’re doing here...that you can study science fiction and that we have

undergraduate research in the School of LCC,” Shackelford said.

The primary reason for the event, besides celebrating Foote’s contribution to the Institute, was to share student and faculty work in LCC and STaC.

“We really just wanted to showcase that work and bring together some of the science fiction community around Atlanta and...celebrate the fantastic,” Shackelford said.

Yaszek, who teaches a science fiction class in LCC, said, “We wanted

people to see the sort of fun classes that we’re doing where we’re doing serious study of popular culture.”

In fact, she has been teaching Paul di Filippo’s short stories for a number of years. “I always find that students get really excited about [di Filippo’s books]. The first time I taught him, in fact, students asked for more stories, and I’ve never seen a Georgia Tech student ask for more homework before.”

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By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jay Edwards, left, and Ned Hastings, far right, from the Cartoon Network lead a panel about *Adult Swim* programming as part of the LCC’s “Monstrous Bodies” symposium, held last Thursday and Friday.



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That enthusiasm prompted Yaszek to bring di Filippo to campus.

His session was one of the highlights of the symposium, according to Shackelford.

“He’s kind of one step below rock star in the writing world,” she said. “We really lucked out with that one, because people, especially in the science fiction world, actually know his name—but he’s not so well known that he’s enormously expensive. And he was excited to come.”

Di Filippo’s work also meshed perfectly with the symposium’s theme. “[He] really does write stories about monstrous bodies, about humans and animals and machines all spliced together,” Yaszek said.

Dave Lillethun, a Computer Science graduate student and one of the symposium attendees, found out about the event from a former STaC alumna.

“I wasn’t quite sure what to expect, but I figured it would be worth checking out. [It] did not disappoint,” he said. “I think the talk by Rhonda Wilcox on ‘Word as Flesh’ in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* was my favorite part. It was an insightful discussion of the meaning of ‘the flesh’—the monstrous body—in *Buffy*, and a contrast between it and ‘the word,’ representing the intangible aspect of the world.”

Jason Ellis, a STaC senior and secretary of the STaC society, organized the academic panels for the symposium, and appreciated the opportunity to present his and other students’ research to an audience of

interested peers.

“I enjoyed the original fiction that was read at the Literary Slam, and I thought that all of the papers presented in the Academic Panels were top notch,” Ellis said.

At an average of 30 students per event, both Shackelford and Yaszek were pleased with the symposium’s turnout, and felt the symposium to be a success.

They also said they hope to hold similar events in the future, perhaps with a different theme.

“I’d love to do it again next year,” Yaszek said. “I say that with the enthusiasm of having just finished the symposium, but...at this point we’re optimistic it would be something we’d really like to explore in the future.”

“I really hope to see Monstrous Bodies back again next year,” Lillethun agreed.

The symposium also made a more general statement on liberal arts at Tech. “I think it’s good press for both LCC and for Tech in general,” Shackelford said. “It shows we have more rounded people than just science and engineering.”

Yaszek agreed. “It’s only recently, within the last five or six years, that we’ve even begun to talk about the liberal arts at Georgia Tech, and to do an arts festival like this [shows] that we do a lot of creative work [here],” she said. “As far as I can tell, it’s one of the first arts festivals we’ve ever had at Georgia Tech...it was a lot of fun.”

**Videos of all the events will be available online at [www.monstrousbodies.lcc.gatech.edu](http://www.monstrousbodies.lcc.gatech.edu) within a month.**

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group working to preserve and protect digital rights. However, the EFF was unavailable due to the recent Supreme Court case.

“The hardest part is [finding] the panel members, because obviously you’re dealing with organizations that are pretty famous,” Holtz said.

The panel has been under discussion since last year, when HAC started seeking new ways to promote ethics and integrity among the student body.

“We’re not the body associated with punishment,” Holtz said. “We wanted to do something that was very proactive, that tied ethics, integrity, honor, everything into something that’s not only valuable while you’re at school, but...is kind of the new hot button topic.”

Especially at an institute full of techno-savvy students—who are likely to download without thought to the ethical implications—the issue becomes even more relevant.

Holtz hoped that the panel would help its attendees make more informed decisions about using P2P networks.

“A lot of us are the ones that, [while] in high school, Napster came out. We just started using it, and it’s part of our lives,” Holtz said. “We don’t really think about all the sides, and most people kind of made up the decision without hearing it, so this is kind of a way to learn...We want it to have future benefits in the business place, basically.”

File-sharing and P2P networks

are expected to have an increasingly greater impact in the business community in the coming years.

“As [our generation starts] taking over business, are we going to allow our employees to use these kinds of networks?” Holtz said. “A lot of people are going to be developing software, and are they going to want people to be downloading illegal copies online?”

Unfortunately, the event did not go quite as planned. The discussion was dominated by Zirkelbach, who gave long responses full of statistical

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**Jonathan Olinger**  
HAC chair

evidence and anecdotes. She succeeded in nailing her point home more than the other panelists, which gave the entire debate an unintended slant.

“It definitely came off more in the sense of preaching to not download, which wasn’t the ultimate goal of the event,” Holtz said.

“We wanted it to be something with both sides, and it tended to come off in what would seem a very biased argument,” he said.

Jonathan Olinger, a fourth-year Aerospace Engineering major and HAC chair, pointed to problems with the moderator as well.

“The questions [that] ended up being posed were not the questions we intended,” he said. “It turned into a 90-minute lecture about why downloading is bad.”

“The students were quite upset,” Olinger said. “They felt it would be an actual discussion.”

However, both Olinger and Holtz agree that this provided a valuable learning opportunity, and they hope that this event will serve as a precursor to a series of panels on ethics and technology.

“Next time, we’ll make even more of an effort to make sure that all sides are explored thoroughly,” Olinger said. “Something to challenge the way [the audience was] thinking.”

Holtz also said that they will make sure to get strong speakers who are willing to speak up for their side of the issue.

In the case of the filesharing debate, “We definitely don’t want students to feel that we tricked them into coming and then told them that downloading is wrong,” she said.

Holtz also said that future panels would permit live questions from the students.

Questions from the audience were not taken during the filesharing debate, though two student questions that had been submitted beforehand through the HAC website were read toward the end of the event.

“We want stuff that’s going to stay current, but also, we want controversy,” Holtz said. “But we want to do it in a way that doesn’t talk about right or wrong but talks about thinking through ethical decisions.”



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## THEY DON'T LIKE SHARING

The RIAA shows it's against microphone sharing, too, as it monopolizes HAC's panel on file sharing. Page 13

## FILLING THE CIRCLE

Sophomore Sarah Wood looks to become softball's leading pitcher after Jessica Salinger graduates. Page 29

# Ska-punk Less Than Jake rocks Masquerade

By Charbak Mitra  
Contributing Writer

Some of you may remember *Technique* covered the lesser-known ska outfit The Toasters earlier this semester. I went to that show with ska aficionado and friend Marky D, and we both left feeling robbed. He said he'd take me to a real ska show some day. I'm pretty sure that day was this past Friday.

Last week, Less Than Jake's tour made a stop in Atlanta at the Masquerade.

They are the face of ska-punk in so many ways. They are real band for the fans.

For those of you out of the loop, Less Than Jake has long claimed Pez candy as part of their identity. Their bassist, Roger Manganelli, has described it as "the perfect thing."

This if nothing else is a good reflection of the quirky-yet-accessible nature of this band.

The group hails from Gainesville, Fla., and got started a little before their college years. Manganelli found his influences from punk giants the Descendents to hard rock greats such as Iron Maiden.

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Of his own cadre of memorable songs, Manganelli cites his personal favorite as "Gainesville, Rock City," which is also a crowd favorite. He recalls the roots of the band and writing the song in his mom's backyard.

When it comes to categorizing the kind of songs Less Than Jake is known for, Manganelli was at a bit of an impasse. "A lot of it is very personal," he said.

He then went on to talk about the band's multiple tours and reminisced about some of the good times. "There are so many funny stories they start blurring together," he said.

As we got up and concluded the interview, I

took note of a tattoo on his leg. He told me it was a Pez ad from the '40s and proceeded to show me a tattoo of Allroy (of Descendents fame) that was, for lack of any better description, Pez-ified.

The opening bands for Less Than Jake were Days Away, In Plain View and Allister. All of them were pretty well received by the crowd but any excitement that the openers

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By Matt Bishop / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Roger Manganelli of Less Than Jake spoke with 'Nique before the band played a long-anticipated show at the Masquerade.

# Sahara explores old ideas in action genre

By Evan Zasoski  
Senior Staff Writer

*Sahara*, the new film from director Breck Eisner, wants to be *Indiana Jones* so bad it can taste it. Just replace Harrison Ford's Dr. Jones with Matthew McConaughey's rather unfortunately named Dirk Pitt, the love interest *du jour* with Penelope Cruz's Eva Rojas and that

little Asian kid with Steve Zahn and *voilà*, instant classic.

Sadly, despite *Sahara*'s seething desire for the heights of greatness attained by the good doctor those many years ago, it doesn't quite make it. This is not to say, however, that it isn't a perfectly good little flick. Just forgettable, that's all.

Dirk Pitt, archaeological diver extraordinaire and Al Giordino

(Zahn), plucky sidekick emeritus, are on the search for the long lost Confederate ironclad *Texas*, filled with C.S.A. gold which has, apparently and despite all laws of physics, probability and common sense, found its way to the Sahara desert via the Niger River.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rojas is working for the World Health Organization and trying to get into Mali to inves-

tigate a mysterious and spreading plague, despite the rather fierce objections of the local warlord.

Naturally, she hitches a ride with Dirk and Al and mayhem ensues, world-threatening plots are discovered and undone and at some point a 150-year-old cannon gets

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fired and does not, as one would predict, explode. That's about the gist of it.

For an action movie, this one's painfully slow to get off the ground. With the exception of a maybe 10 minute bit at the beginning with the *Texas* running a Union blockade, nothing of substance blows up until

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Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures

Penelope Cruz, Matthew McConaughey and Steve Zahn star in *Sahara*, an *Indiana Jones*-like movie in which archaeologist Dirk Pitt (McConaughey) searches for Confederate treasure in the desert.

## They pimped rides before MTV did

Starting tomorrow through April 17, the 23rd annual *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* International Auto Show will be coming to the Georgia World Congress Center. It will feature new and specialty vehicles, concept cars and exotics. There will also be bicycle stunt riders, classic cars and celebrity appearances. The show is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children six to 12 and free for children five and under.

## Group X to play Under the Couch

Tonight at 8 p.m., everyone's favorite Flash animation-friendly musicians, Group X, will be at everyone's favorite dive venue, Under the Couch. Tickets are \$5 for Tech students and \$7 for everyone else.

## Ferst Center goes crazy for musicals

Tomorrow, the Ferst Center for the Arts is hosting the musical theater national tour of *Crazy For You*, an adaptation of George and Ira Gershwin's 1930 hit *Girl Crazy*. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets range from \$30 to \$40.

## Century Center hosts Comic Con

This Sunday the Atlanta Comic Convention, a gathering of comic and toy enthusiasts, is coming to the Marriott Century Center. The con will feature special guest Bob Burden, creator of Flaming Carrot and Mystery Men. Admission is \$4 and doors are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Tech gets invaded by mtvU, Muse

This Sunday, mtvU's Campus Invasion Tour is making a stop at Tech. From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. an interactive village featuring video game competitions, physical challenges, makeovers and more will be set up in the Burger Bowl. MtvU will also be handing out a small number of VIP tickets to the sold-out Muse concert at the Tabernacle Sunday night.

## Experience Latin American film

Starting tonight and continuing every Friday and Saturday until April 23, the Spanish Speaking Organization is hosting its annual Latin American Film Festival. All of the films will be shown at 8 p.m. in Van Leer W200. Visit the organization's website at [cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/sso](http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/sso) for more information.







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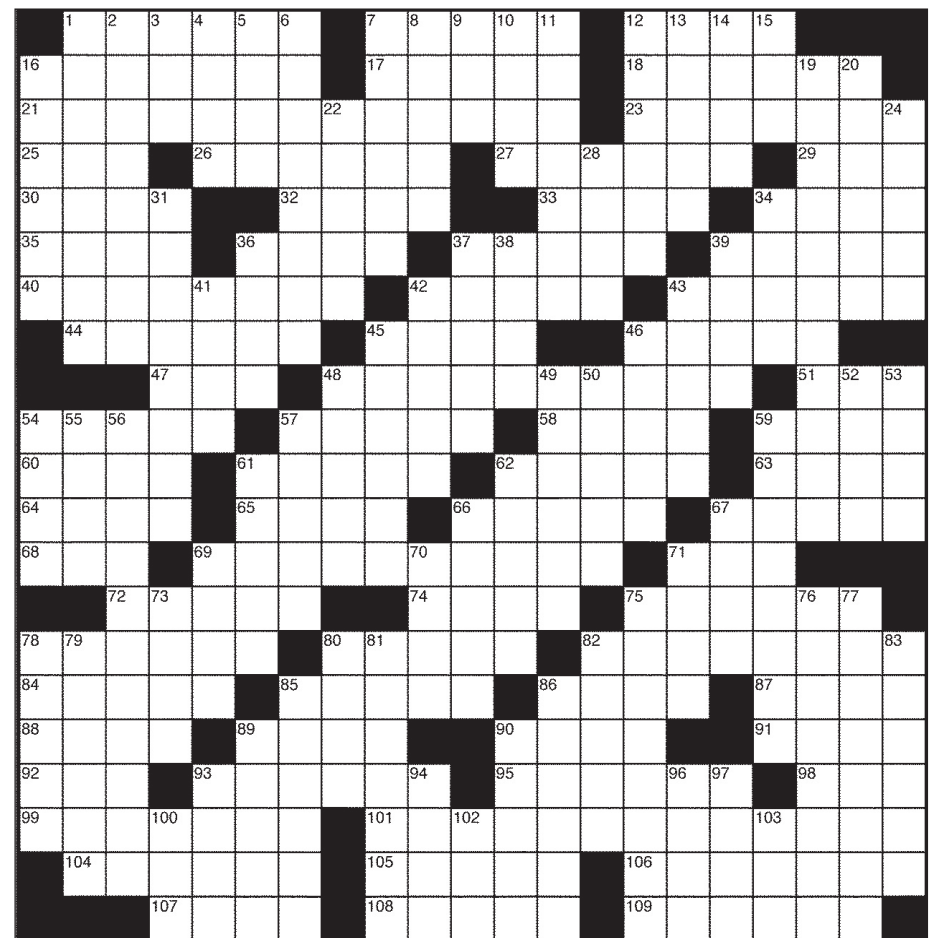
By Robert Zimmerman  
United Features

## ACROSS

1. Long-eared hound
7. Nerd
12. Shopping center
16. Perish
17. Cringe
18. Muslim princes
21. Jazz pianist, born in Montreal
23. The Treasure State
25. Prefix meaning "life"
26. It gets stepped on
27. Jude's "Cold Mountain" co-star
29. "\_\_\_ don't say!"
30. Composer \_\_\_ Bartok
32. Holbrook and Linden
33. Civil rights org. since 1942
34. Something in the air
35. Golly!
36. Alternative to a boo
37. Of a close call
39. Hard stuff
40. Urgent warning: 2 wds.
42. Film's Bourne
43. Fishing vessel
44. Liquefy again
45. Swiss range
46. Statuette, frequently
47. Dizzy Gillespie style
48. "Superman" creator, born in Toronto
51. London broadcaster
54. Watch word
57. Tailor's measurement
58. Lake Nasser feeder
59. Nimbus
60. Pocket entertainment

61. Smooths wood
62. Binder
63. Stuffed shirt
64. Undiluted
65. One of the Fates
66. \_\_\_ ski
67. Midafternoon
68. ID No.
69. Singer born in Charlemagne, Que.
71. Court
72. Foils
74. Melon leftover
75. Beethoven's Ninth
78. Farther up
80. Dukes, in slang
82. What some are dressed to
84. Aromatic root
85. Sacrifice plays
86. Use the molars
87. Thermo follower
88. Seasonal refrain
89. Milosevic, for one
90. Penniless
91. Choices
92. Four quarters
93. Sickly
95. Rumpus
98. Gram preceder
99. Hang up, in London
101. Veteran radio-TV host, born in Moose Jaw, Sask.
104. NBA position
105. Poker strategy
106. Most effortless
107. Nosegay
108. Units of force
109. Comes on stage

3. "La Mer" subject
4. Dress for Delhi
5. Armchair quarterback's channel
6. Kowalski wore one
7. Resides
8. Cells don't need them
9. Annapolis grad.
10. MBA subj.
11. Del Toro of "Traffic"
12. Megabyte matter
13. Soap plant
14. Mr. Auberjonois
15. Holiday in Hanoi
16. Fisherman's float
19. Lawyer in TV series, born in New West-minister, B.C.
20. Get some z's
22. Wedding event
24. Drill
28. Maize
31. George Eliot novel
34. Evening in Paris
36. Hired hands
37. Abrasive
38. Asian nurse
39. Grizzly
41. Medici pope
42. Opera love scenes
43. Look for bugs, in a way
45. King Abdullah's land
46. One of the Titans
48. Muslim spirit
49. Pathless
50. Lorelei
52. Cracker covering
53. Canary's abode
54. Cuts wood along the grain
55. Sy Oliver's "\_\_\_ One"
56. "Bonanza" star, born in Ottawa



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57. London lockups
59. Maxim
61. Look scornfully
62. Gives a political slant
66. Entrances
67. Animator's product
69. So-so grades
70. Formerly, formerly
71. Sigh of relief
73. Dr. \_\_\_ McGraw
75. Jeep model

76. Termite's nemesis
77. What many dieters seek
78. Acclaim
79. Incongruous, perhaps
80. Roll up
81. Within the hull
82. It's sharp as a tack
83. Scottish royal family
85. Quasimodo's hangout
86. Duplicates
89. Burglary targets

90. A nurse may take it
93. "... and \_\_\_ bed."
94. Fay of "King Kong"
96. Astronaut \_\_\_ Shepard
97. What's left
100. Economist's stat.
102. Pewter ingredient
103. Rail support

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# Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival offers music, art, food and more

By **Hillary Lipko**  
*Entertainment Editor*

This weekend, Atlanta invites the world to join her and celebrate the 69th annual Dogwood Festival. Started in 1936, the festival “sought to make Atlanta internationally known for its beauty during the Blooming of the Dogwood,” according to a press release.

The festival, held in Piedmont Park, features more than 200 artist booths which makes it “one of the largest art destinations in the country.” In years past, the Dogwood Festival’s artist market had attracted some of the country’s top visual artists and craftspeople to display and sell their wares. This year, the festival has partnered with the National Academy of Recording

Arts and Sciences. The Recording Academy has been instrumental in supporting the music aspect of the Dogwood Festival, including the Grammy Block Party which will kick off the festival tonight.

The block party will feature recording artists Sean Mullins, Sugarland, Gaelle and the Warm Guns and is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the music offerings of the Dogwood Festival. A plethora of musical offerings will continue throughout the weekend on two stages and will include everything from 15-year-old master guitar player J.P. Blues to culturally-influenced music from Japan, Africa, Mexico and more. If the artist market and the music selections aren’t your thing, the Dogwood Festival also features one of the widest varieties

of food that you’ll find at any outdoor festival. From traditional fairground munchies like funnel cakes and kettle corn to crab cakes and other fancy foods from some of Atlanta’s top restaurants, you could probably spend the entire weekend sampling all the food the festival has to offer. For those who attend the Dogwood Festival every year, you’ll be happy to know that the Disc Dog Southern Nationals is once again in the lineup for the festival’s miscellaneous entertainment. Also featured is a 24-foot rock-climbing wall and a kids village for any rugrats you may happen to have in tow. With the chance of beautiful weather this weekend, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival is a great opportunity to enjoy some sunshine and check out some of the best Atlanta has to offer.

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drummed up was really just a build-up to the insanity that was evoked by the headline performance.

The frantic part of the crowd tore back about 15 rows, by far one of the most hectic shows I’ve ever seen at the Masquerade. A few concert-goers provided some insight into the crowd’s energy. Sanjay Deshmukh, a senior Computer Science major, said he was ready for a show “nothing short of spectacular.”

“Well, I’m actually kind of hoping for more than Jake, but I’d settle for Less Than Jake,” said Daniel Keeney, a second-year Computer Science major.

“When they toured with Linkin Park, that wasn’t a real Less Than Jake show. I’ve been waiting for two years [for this show],” said BJ Hicks, another concert-goer.

One of the crowd favorites was “Nervous In the Alley” from the band’s 1998 release *Hello Rockview*. It was a little disappointing that they

didn’t play “All My Best Friends Are Metalheads,” but from a 13-year canon of songs, it was a long shot. Between songs they told scatological jokes much to the delight and amusement of their fans.

“Old Hotlanta’s always been good to Less Than Jake,” Chris Demakes, the lead vocalist, said. He even gave a congratulations to all the high school graduates.

After a brief absence on the stage, the band returned for an encore with Demakes saying, “Whew, that cocaine was good.” They proceeded to bring the set to a conclusion with “Gainesville, Rock City.”

Free hot dogs were even being served in the venue. Less Than Jake fan Matt Hershaw commented that “the only show that rivaled this show was the last Less Than Jake show.”

Manganelli says that the band’s plans for the future include more touring, hanging out and recording songs for their next album. Watch for their next record in June and a subsequent tour with John Mellencamp.

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nearly an hour into things.

Considering that explosions are the bread and butter of movies in this vein, that's a pretty sad state of affairs.

As far as acting goes, the cast does a fine job, but then again, this isn't

what one would call Shakespeare, either. Sure, the three leads are perfectly fine actors, but frankly, they could have cast Tara Reid, Freddie Prinze Jr. and some third atrocious actor to come in and read the lines off cue cards and it would have been just as well.

Visually, the movie is quite pretty, and once it actually gets going, there

are some very nice actions sequences to be had. As a general rule, it seems that the makers of *Sahara* were much more influenced by the *Rambo* school of action filmmaking as opposed to the one governing *The Matrix*.

The film's very light on blue screens and excessive CGI, which was a very nice change of pace from the current theory running through

cinematography which states that one novel camera trick can make a whole movie.

When someone jumps onto the roof of a train in *Sahara* it's a fairly safe bet that there was an actual train somewhere in the vicinity of the shoot.

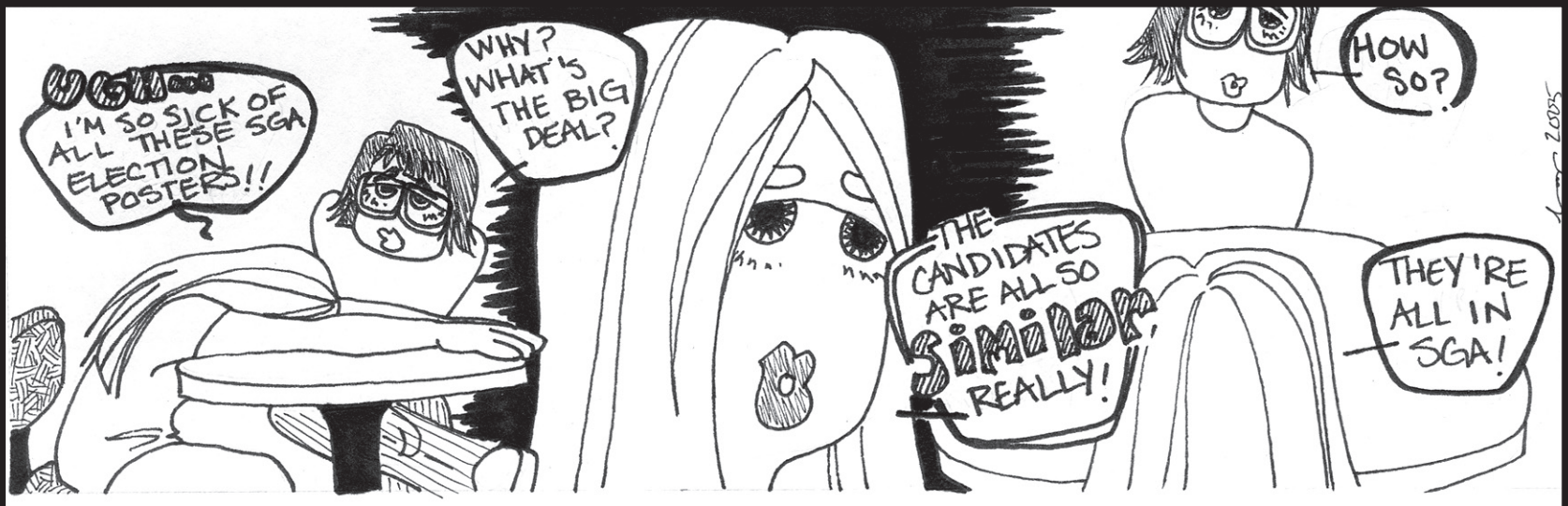
Is *Sahara* a great movie that will be remembered for generations?

Probably not. As a matter of fact, the odds aren't altogether good that anyone will really remember it all of five years from now.

It's a popcorn flick. You pay your 10 bucks, stuff blows up, hero gets the girl and you get two hours worth of escapism. There's nothing wrong with that. Just don't go in expecting greatness and you'll be fine.

## TECH B\*TCH COMIX

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mance was outstanding," pitching coach Bobby Moranda said. "I thought his execution was really good. He made two mistakes, and that's very good for eight innings. One of those mistakes was just fluky. He threw a fastball to a left-handed hitter, and he hit the ball down the line where it rolled around for a bit. The kid on first base was able to run, which is how they scored the go-ahead run. I'll take that for the rest of the year with him."

Tech responded by blowing out Maryland 24-4 in the series finale. The Jackets capitalized on five errors and scored four or more runs in four different innings. The offense was led by Tyler Greene, who hit his third grand slam of the season and drove in eight runs. The 20-run margin of victory was Tech's largest in ACC play since beating Virginia by 23 in 1998.

After losing to Auburn 7-6 in

11 innings previously, the Jackets returned the favor by beating the Tigers 3-2 on Tuesday. Auburn took a 2-1 lead in the first inning, but they did not score again for the rest of the night. Tech drove in a run in both the second and third innings to win the game.

"I was very pleased with [the win]," Hall said. "After the first inning, Ryan Turner really settled down and pitched well. Tim Gustafson came in and did a great job of putting zeros on the board, and then Matt Wieters pitched great to close it out. We made some great plays defensively to help the pitchers out. I think that Trapani made a couple of nice plays, and Danny Payne's diving catch in centerfield was huge, and then Andy Hawranick blocked a ball in the dirt and threw a guy out at second base to keep them from getting a guy in scoring position. It's great to go on the road and beat a very good team in Auburn."

For the second time this season, Auburn used six pitchers against

Tech to slow down one of the top hitting teams in the ACC. The Auburn bullpen has given up only two runs to Tech in 16 innings of work on the season.

"Auburn, twice now, has pitched a bunch of guys against us," Hall said. "Sometimes you benefit as a team if you see a guy the second and third time through the order. Both times they've kept us from getting much of a look against their pitchers. They've done a great job of pitching against us."

Tech will be hosting Winthrop in non-conference action this weekend before the team will go on the road to face rival UGA on Wednesday night.

"I think we better be prepared to play," Hall said. "This non-conference team is one of the Top 50 in the country, and their number one pitcher is 7-0 with a win over Clemson. They are one of those teams that nobody knows a lot about, but those of us in college baseball know that they are very good."



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Jeremy Slayden takes a pitch for the Jackets. Slayden has a .390 batting average this year and leads the team with 42 RBIs.**

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anymore around me, i'm gonna punch myself in the face...  
so if you see a dude with a black eye, he's probably pretty nice  
and you should talk to him.  
ladies: spring = skirts  
I find your lack of funk disturbing  
Girls dig guys who understand Classical Mechanics  
These are not my pants...  
"Shalynn" is the coolest name in the world  
Chicks dig guys with cameras  
Dammit...hold the door open for people on crutches!  
The best way to get through GT is Ctrl+A, Ctrl+C, Ctrl+V,  
Ctrl+B  
I've just read the sliver that was submitted three weeks ago.  
Vote Well, Vote Will  
I hear by annouce my candidacy for Pope  
Oh good! It is after Easter. Now I can wear my white pants and  
no underwear.  
Repulicans: "Culture of Life"????? What a bunch of hyp-  
ocrits...  
ya think maybe they'll get a sting break performer someday that  
knows how to play a musical instrument?  
Blower man, the walkways are flawless. No stop and don't come  
back for a month.

## Freshman wins three silver medals

Tech freshman Chandler Alford from Conyers, Ga. won three silver medals at the USA Weightlifting Junior National Olympic Weightlifting Tournament in St. Paul, Minn.

Alford took second in the snatch with a lift of 264 pounds. He lifted 347 pounds in the clean and jerk and also finished second for his total lift.

Alford has previously won two national championships in the 170 pound weight class and one championship in the 187 pound weight class.

## Women’s tennis stays hot

Tech’s women’s tennis team has continued its success in ACC play, improving its league record to 6-0 with victories over Virginia and Maryland.

Against Virginia Kristi Miller and Alison Silverio earned singles and doubles victories for the Jackets as they won 4-1.

In the match against Maryland Silverio and Miller along with Lyndsay Shosho and Kelly Anderson won at singles and doubles to lead the Jackets to a 5-2 victory.

## Howard named Athlete of Week

For the second time this season, junior Chaunte Howard was named the Female United States Track Coaches Association Athlete of the Week.

Howard notched a season-best mark in the high jump and also participated on the women’s 4x100 relay team.

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“I think Calvin is actually playing better right now than he did last year, which is really good to hear,” Geis said. “I’d say [to the quarterbacks] ‘read the coverages,’ but, when you can, throw the ball to No. 21, and he’ll make a play for you.”

The same accolades cannot yet be given the team’s other receivers. Damarius Bilbo, Chris Dunlap, James Johnson and others have all improved, but in Tuesday’s practice alone there were three or four times when well-thrown balls bounced off of a receiver’s hands or were dropped outright.

“[Bilbo] is getting better and better at the ‘X’. He is going to get a lot of reps there. I think James Johnson will challenge him, but it will be a good challenge and they both know it,” Geis said. “The best guy [will win]. Come early next fall, probably about 10 or 15 days into fall practice, I will decide on my ‘X’ starter and go with him the rest of the time and the other guy will be a backup.”

The offensive line has also been struggling to come together. However, last year’s season began with the line in quite the same position they are now, and after Tech’s victory at Clemson no one dared question the offensive line’s ability. Experience says that Coach D’Alessandris and the mammoth players stacking Tech’s front line will have everything worked out by the beginning of the season, as witnessed by improvement throughout the spring.

“We’re coming on slowly. They’ve been here but they haven’t had much experience and they’ve been playing

some guys after different positions, so that’s a position that’s probably going to take all of spring and next fall for those kids,” Geis said. “Actually they do things good at times and then they’ll miss some assignments, but I think they are gradually getting better.”

In brief scrimmages during Tech’s practices, the offensive line looked strong and came out with intensity. There were points when the defensive line seemed to completely overwhelm them, but the offense fought back. The strength of the defense they must battle has made team scrimmage the part of practice that has seemed to

benefit the offensive line the most.

Unlike the other areas of the offense, the backfield seems to have more good players than it knows what to do with. P.J. Daniels, Chris Woods and Rashaun Grant are among a few of the returning

players who will be carrying the ball for the Jackets.

Last year’s only loss for the backfield was senior tailback Jimmy Dixon, and his spot will be the most fought for. Already getting a few looks are Ajenavi “Ace” Eziemefe, sophomore Mike Cox and redshirt freshman Justin Guadagni.

“Neither one of them has been on the field consistently,” Head Coach Chan Gailey said of Eziemefe and Cox after practice on Tuesday. “That was the great thing about Jimmy Dixon—he was there every snap.”

As of Friday last week, a new player will be fighting for a spot in the backfield, a native of Georgia and a transfer from Oklahoma, Tashard Choice.

“[I am focusing on] anything

I can do to get better as far as pass blocking. There are other things to being a running back, so I can be a better football player on the field,” Choice said after practice.

Choice, originally from Riverdale, Ga., enrolled at Tech in January after transferring from Oklahoma. He appealed to the NCAA and was granted a waiver last Friday due to extenuating family circumstances that necessitated him to move close to his home. Choice spent two seasons at Oklahoma, including a redshirt year in 2003. He will have three seasons of eligibility at Tech, beginning next fall.

“We’ll give him more work now that it’s a definite,” Gailey said. “He’s done a great job thus far. He’s been one of the more impressive players in spring practice.”

Spring practice has also seen some changes at quarterback for Tech. The most obvious of which is the temperament and consistency of Reggie Ball. Though Ball has yet to go through a practice without making a minor mistake, the change in his approach and attitude are obvious.

“We just keep building on. I know a lot of fans are tired of hearing that, but that is what we are doing,” Ball said after practice on Tuesday. “It’s a slow process and we keep building on as a team and building on with experience and we are putting it together.”

Ball has read the defense with better ability this spring and has improved in his accuracy, especially at long ranges. There is still a lot of work ahead for Ball, but the arrogance and mistakes he seemed to carry with him last year seem to

have disappeared.

When asked if he felt like the team had anything to prove this year, Ball said, “No. Just got to go out there and play some football.”

The defense is proving yet again to be the real strength for Tech. Defensive Coordinator Jon Tenuta has consistently built one of the best defensive programs in the country, and this year seems to be no different.

“Coach Tenuta is very aggressive and that is how we feel. We run a pretty aggressive defense,” cornerback Reuben Houston said after practice. “We don’t want to give the

quarterback any chance to make any reads; we disguise a lot.”

The loss of senior free safety James Butler has been of some concern, but it has not seemed to dampen any of the player’s spirits about the upcoming season. In fact the defense has never been more

alive.

In practice every loss of a yard invokes some kind of celebration from the defensive line and more often than not rookie quarterbacks Kyle Manley and Taylor Bennett have difficulty finding an open receiver against the unit.

“We feel like we are pretty solid back there we are just working on doing the little things right—eliminate and minimize mistakes and come together as a unit like we were last year,” Houston said. “We are basically looking to gel at the position we are in right now.”

Although the team’s performance this spring has been encouraging, they still have a long way to go before they start the season at Auburn. Their next practice is this afternoon.

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**Reuben Houston**  
Football cornerback



## V-ball from page 31

Eveland, an All-American setter for the Jackets. Laband had an extremely successful fall campaign, leading the ACC in assists.

In addition to DeMichelis, who is now working with the Jackets, the three other recruits will bring impressive resumes with them to Tech next fall.

Kellogg is a 6'1" outside hitter and a member of the 2004 USA Junior National team. She helped the Central Ohio Volleyball Club to a seventh place finish at the Junior Olympics in 2004.

Miller is a 6'1" middle blocker who was a member of the 2003 and 2004 USA Volleyball Junior National A-2 team, one of the best teams in the nation.

Niekamp, a 6'0" setter, was also a member of the USA Volleyball Junior National A-2 team in 2003 and 2004.

Laband stresses the importance of practicing in the spring season. "In the spring season you want to start building your team and establish your foundation so that the new players can come in the fall and fit right in. It's a good time to build your team confidence," she said.

The setter in volleyball is often compared to the quarterback in football, and Laband will once again be responsible for coordinating the Jackets' fast-paced style of play, something they have been known for ever since Shymansky became head coach in 2000.

"Passing runs our whole offense," Laband said. As a result a lot of the spring season concentrates on the

communication and timing that is needed to properly execute. As setter it is especially critical that Laband gets to know the strengths and weaknesses of her teammates.

"Our coaches have been concentrating on the little things. We broke our offense down in the beginning in order to focus on the little things, to work out all the kinks. It's been very challenging to start fresh, but we are making great strides," Laband said.

Although the team will be replacing many key players, the coaches are not lowering their expectations for the season.

"They've made us dig deeper and push harder to have another successful season. They've made us take challenges, especially the freshmen."

"They've been put to the wire and they've done a good job," Laband said of the younger members. "They have definitely stepped up."

Laband is looking forward to working with the new squad and playing the first match of next year in front of the Jacket faithful.

Although the Jackets lost many players from last year's team, Tech still has plenty of reasons to be excited. In addition to Laband and Gray, Abby Showers and Jennifer Randall, key members of last year's team, also return for the Jackets along with a pair of outstanding sophomore middle blockers in Nikki Kaminskas and Ulrike Stegemann.

"I'm excited for our first game in the gym to see how the fans react to our new players," Laband said. "We have new members but we're still the same Georgia Tech team."

**"In the spring season you want to start building your team and establish your foundation so that the new players can come in the fall and fit right in."**

**Lindsey Laband**  
Volleyball setter

# Young softball pitcher blossoms

By Patrick Odneal  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

The softball team, with a record of 35-9, is ranked No. 19 in the country and currently sits atop the ACC. While senior Jessica Sallinger continues to dominate from the pitcher's circle, the future of Tech pitching lies in sophomore Sarah Wood.

Wood has a 10-2 record with a 2.06 ERA, and she has thrown three complete games this season. She also helps the Jackets offensively, where she is hitting .246 and has a .373 on-base percentage. While it's not unheard of for a softball pitcher to step up to the plate, her offensive capabilities are certainly a nice asset.

Wood said that she does whatever she can to help her teammates—whether from the circle or in the batter's box—and she was quick to mention how the team helps her when she is pitching.

"The whole team is great. You can see that my strikeout numbers are really low. They're not as high as [Jessica Sallinger's], but that just goes to show you how incredible my defense is behind me. They're making the plays, and so that's why I've been successful—just because of my teammates," Wood said.

Wood also noted the role the catchers play during a game. "One person particular that's really helped me out this year is Lauren Schlechte, one of my catchers. She catches for me a lot. It switches between her and Savannah [Brown]. They both do a great job. Lauren and I really connected, and she's really helped me out a lot as far as talking to me on the mound. She has something about her that just calms my nerves when I'm out there," Wood said.

A Marietta, Ga. native, Wood started playing softball at the age of eight with her church slow-pitch

softball team. By 12 she was in a fast-pitch softball league, and at 13 she started pitching. Her brother played little league baseball for a while, but other than that her family had little exposure to the diamond.

"My dad was a wrestler in high school, and my mom, she was a synchronized swimmer in high school, so [they had] no background at all. My dad knew what he knew just from common knowledge of the game, but

**"My dad was a wrestler in high school, and my mom, she was a synchronized swimmer in high school, so [they had] no [softball] background at all."**

**Sarah Wood**  
Softball sophomore

that's about it," Wood said.

By the time Wood entered high school, she had advanced as a pitcher and found her position on the diamond. The idea of playing on the college level was never on her mind when she started playing high school ball.

"It didn't really hit me until about the end of my freshman year of high school, that I could go play college ball—that it was definitely an option. I started working really hard and I remember always asking my dad, 'What do you think about me playing Division I softball?' And he said, 'Sarah if you work hard enough anything is possible.' So I took his word and worked really hard and

got here," Wood said.

Wood was a four-year letter winner at Walton High School, where she earned all-state honors her junior and senior years. She found her college home just down the road at Tech.

"It was something I really prayed about. I'm really strong in my faith, and I just really felt that this was the place where God wanted me to be. I came down to visit, and the coaches were fabulous, and I love the campus, and I really like the team, and I thought that it was an up and coming program. So I thought that this was a good place for me to go," Wood said.

The softball team currently leads the ACC with a 6-2 record, but they still have three tough series left in conference play against N.C. State, Virginia Tech and Maryland. Conference standings can change quickly, however, because each series features three games per weekend.

Wood is cautious and takes each game one at a time but still thinks the team is capable of achieving great things like making it to their first College World Series.

In the next couple of years the team has the potential to build on this season's success. "I know we've got a great class coming in next year, real strong players coming in. We've got a great freshman class this year, so I think we're just going to continue to get better," Wood said.

The softball team hosts N.C. State for a three-game series this weekend. Tomorrow they play in a doubleheader with games scheduled for 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday's game is at 12 p.m. Wood usually pitches one game of the Saturday doubleheader.

This Wednesday the team travels to Athens to take on UGA for a 6 p.m. game. It will be the first time the two teams have met since the NCAA Regionals last year.

# Laband leads Jacket attack

By Patrick Odneal  
Assistant Sports Editor

The volleyball team has started spring practice and looks to rebuild after a successful 2004 season that saw the Jackets in the sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

The Jackets finished last season undefeated in the ACC and look to continue the success they have encountered over the past few years, but Tech faces quite a challenge to sustain this level of excellence with the loss of five seniors who had outstanding careers.

“We have a number of new young players who will be playing key roles for us next season and there’s no better way to gain experience than during the spring season. This also gives our returning starters the chance to develop stronger leadership roles which will carry over to next year,” said Volleyball Head Coach

Bond Shymansky.

Tech’s recruiting class for next year features four players named to the *Volleyball Magazine* Feb 50 list, a compilation of the best 50 high

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**Lindsey Laband**  
Volleyball setter

school seniors from 2004. Laura DeMichelis, Talisa Kellogg, Callie Miller and Allie Niekamp all made the list. Only four schools in the

nation had four or more players named to the list, putting Tech in elite company.

DeMichelis is a 5’10” outside hitter who enrolled at Tech in January and is currently practicing with the team. DeMichelis and current freshman Lindsey Gray will be called upon to fill the outside hitter positions that All-Americans Lauren Sauer and Lynnette Moster leave behind.

“You really can’t replace Lauren [Sauer] and Lynette [Moster] because they have so much experience,” said current junior setter Lindsey Laband. “But Lindsey [Gray] and Laura [DeMichelis] are really physical and really good blockers. They’ll create good names for themselves here at Tech.”

Laband certainly knows about replacing star players. Last spring she was trying to fill the shoes of Kele

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By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Abby Showers goes to the net against South Carolina for the Jackets. Tech beat USC in spring volleyball action at O’Keefe Gymnasium.**

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Penelope Cruz and Matthew McConaughey sift through the scorching sands in search of a ship in *Sahara*. Page 19

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## Men's tennis tops Wake Forest

Tech's men's tennis teams squeaked by Wake Forest 4-3 at the Bill Moore Tennis Center on Sunday. David North sealed the victory for the Jackets with his win at the No. 2 singles spot. Zachary Rath, George Gvelesiani and Jordan Delass also had singles victories in the match against the Demon Deacons.

The win followed a 7-0 loss to No. 5 Duke on Saturday. Rath was the lone Jacket who was able to take a set against the Blue Devils' highly ranked squad.

## Tech Sports Day set for April 16

Tech Sports Day sponsored by Delta Airlines has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16. The day will include a football scrimmage, baseball, softball and tennis.

The final spring football scrimmage begins at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free. A street festival on top of Peter's Parking Deck will begin at 11:30.

The baseball team plays Florida State at 1 p.m., softball challenges UAB at the same time, and women's tennis against Duke begins at noon.

## Football springs into action

By Edward Tamsberg  
Contributing Writer

In the two weeks since school returned from break, football continued to improve in spring practice. They are beginning to fill in the gaps left by last year's seniors and are building on the strength of the team's veterans.

The coming season is shaping up to be one of Tech's best. All of this year's returning starters have performed well in practice and fresh faces are stepping up. However, many of the concerns shared last year by fans and alumni have yet to be worked out.

Tech's largest issues in the coming season will undoubtedly come from the areas it has lost the most starters at—wide receiver and the offensive line. These past two weeks, the Jackets have seen growth in both positions, but they are certainly not settled.

Calvin Johnson has locked up the starting job at the "Z" wide receiver position, and journeyman Damarius Bilbo appears to be the frontrunner to start on the other side of the field at the "X."

"I think [Johnson] is a big plus for us. I think [Bilbo] is running our 'X' with James Johnson over there. Chris Dunlap's running the other 'Z' behind Calvin, [along with] Xavier [McGuire], those top five right now are doing a pretty good job for us," Wide Receiver Coach Buddy Geis said after practice on Tuesday.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Calvin Johnson has continued his stellar play from his freshman year to lead the Jackets receiving corps throughout spring practice.

It is safe to say that Johnson has built on his impressive freshman season and continues to be a star for the Jackets. In a play in Tuesday's practice, Johnson was guarded tightly by the defense, and when a ball intended for him was intercepted,

Johnson quickly stripped the ball from the defender in one motion before he could fall to the ground, popping it into the air and catching it for a completion.

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## by the numbers

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The number of male gymnasts that placed in the top three in Tech's third annual Gym Jackets Classic. Chris Jordan and Vasily Buharin finished second and third respectively for the Jackets.

A strong regional field of teams including James Madison, Virginia Tech, Xavier, North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois and Emory provided fierce competition for the Jackets in their invitational.

99

The number of wins that senior softball player Jessica Sallinger currently has in her career. Sallinger was scheduled to pitch in the second game of the doubleheader against Alabama State on Wednesday, but the game was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Sallinger has currently won 18 games this season and picked up her 99th career win by shutting out Virginia, her 12th shutout of the season.

Sallinger will have a chance to pick up her 100th win as Tech plays a three-game series at Glenn Field against N.C. State this weekend.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Passing the baton:** Tech's Andriane Lapsley runs in the 4x100-meter relay at the Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta. The 4x100 team finished third in the event with a time of 44.45.

## Baseball falls from top spot

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets keep on winning as they pulled out three of the four games this past week. Tech's only loss came in a pitcher's duel against Maryland that was sandwiched between two blowouts. The team avenged the loss to Auburn two weeks ago by returning the favor on their home field.

Tech opened up the weekend with a 13-4 lead against Maryland before the game was delayed in the top of the 5th inning because of the rain. When play resumed Maryland scored four runs to quickly close the gap, but the Jackets stopped the Terps and won 13-8.

Before the start of Saturday night's game, Head Coach Danny Hall was presented with a plaque and a ball signed by the team in honor of his 505th win at Tech.

In the nightcap, the Jackets and Terps traded first inning runs before the pitchers took over the game. Maryland added a go-ahead run in the third inning to take the lead.

Lee Hyde pitched what was quite possibly his best performance of the year, striking out 10 batters and giving up two runs off of six hits.

Unfortunately for him, the offense never was able to get over the hump and take the lead. Tech was unable to capitalize with runners in scoring position, leaving 11 runners on base. The 2-1 loss was the first



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Despite taking two of three from Maryland and defeating Auburn, Tech fell to No. 3 in the nation after the past week's performance.

home-loss to Maryland since 1993, and it also ended the Jackets' 16-game winning streak over the Terps.

"I think your goal anytime you play in the ACC is to win the series," Hall said. "That's a very positive thing. The game that we lost was just the case that [Ben] Pfinsgraff of Maryland pitched a great game, and we tipped our caps to him. He

did everything that he could do to keep us from scoring. It's one of those deals that we felt that we would get to him but never could. That's the only disappointment on the weekend. It would've been great to win all three, but we did win the series."

"I thought [Lee Hyde's] perfor-

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# Student Government Association Candidate Profiles



Next week, SGA elections will be held online at [www.elections.gatech.edu](http://www.elections.gatech.edu) between Monday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 13. On the following three pages, you will find profiles of the candidates for the four executive offices of SGA. The content on these pages was written by the candidates themselves to communicate why they believe they should be elected as the next leaders of Tech's student body.

## Candidates for Graduate Vice President

### Mitch Keller



Although it's not a very exciting issue, one of the most important issues facing Tech graduate students is health insurance. Rising premiums, cuts in coverage, confusing policies and difficulties in receiving reimbursements are all serious problems. This issue must be brought to the forefront by the top executives of graduate SGA. We need to work with fellow students at other schools to convince individual campus administrations and the Board of Regents that quality, affordable health insurance coverage is important to all graduate students. Furthermore, the Institute should subsidize insurance for students receiving assistantships to a much greater level than is currently done. If elected, I will make improving the health insurance situation for graduate students my top priority.

Of course, for the most part, the job of vice president is not to set policy, but to preside over the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). My experience makes me uniquely qualified to serve in this capacity. As an undergraduate at North Dakota State University, I served my first two years as Chief Justice, followed by a year as an Associate Justice and time as the official parliamentarian of the student senate. These positions taught me to strike a careful balance between impartiality and advocacy, one that a good vice president must continually maintain, as the executive branch has an interest in advancing policies but must allow the Senate to enact them in the manner they see fit.

In terms of leadership experience here at Tech, one of the first things I did after enrolling here this fall was run for a seat in GSS. As GSS secretary, I helped advise the current vice president during Senate meetings, recorded minutes and served as a member of the graduate SGA Executive Committee. I see my involvement with the Executive Committee as a major asset, as it is the group that handles most of the operations of student government. Working closely with this group before assuming a key leadership position in it is vital to success in that leadership position. I also have considerable experience with parliamentary procedure, which will allow me to improve the efficiency of the Graduate Student Senate, facilitating faster consideration of routine legislation and hopefully providing more time for the Senate to discuss issues that face our entire graduate student body.

The graduate SGA started many great initiatives during this school year, including GT/Emory graduate student night at the High Museum of Art and the Graduate Student Research Symposium. If elected, I will make full use of the experience I gained this year to continue, improve and expand such programs in the future. I also plan to start a discussion of the system under which Student Activity Fees are distributed. It is essential that Tier III organizations, which include the cultural and sports organizations that are important to so many graduate students, continue to be supported in part through Student Activity Fees. I am certain that we can develop a long-term strategy that will provide these organizations with the stability they desire and the larger organizations the flexibility they deserve without having to continually increase the Student Activity Fee.

I feel I have the experience and motivation required for this office and sincerely hope you will give me your vote.

### Adam Brancato



My name is Adam Brancato and I am running for Graduate Vice President of the Student Government Association.

I have been a senator representing the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering for the past two years, since I started attending Georgia Tech.

During this past year, I have served on the Joint Campus Organization Committee and the Internal Affairs Committee. I serve as a senator and now seek a higher position because I believe that SGA serves an important role on this campus and I would like to play a larger role in improving the academic and social lives of graduate students.

The purpose of SGA is to represent the graduate student body to the administration, and the senators represent a useful resource available to grad students. SGA oversees the concerns of students and offers input to the administration from the students' point of view.

Many senators sit on campus committees that oversee health care, parking, student organizations, academic integrity, and all other aspects of campus life.

By bringing their questions, concerns and ideas to their senators, students' thoughts will be brought to the administration and to the people who have the power to change this campus for the better.

Problems can only be corrected if they are exposed, and those who are in charge are often unaware of the small problems that affect students here because no one brings them to their attention.

This past year, SGA has also been more active in organizing social events to foster a sense of community among graduate students. From the Graduate Student Picnic in the beginning of the year to the recent Graduate Student Symposium, this year's Executive Board has made great efforts to use the resources of SGA to plan and publicize events that appeal to the majority of graduate students, when traditionally social events on college campuses have been geared more towards the undergraduate population.

With a seat on the Executive Board of SGA, the vice president has an opportunity to help the senators more successfully represent their constituents and to help design events that will appeal to graduate students.

As vice president, my first priority will be to expand on the work done this year to publicize SGA to the graduate student body. Only when there is communication between the students and their senators can the senators truly represent and aid their constituents.

I would also like to plan more social events so that graduate students can meet with each other outside of academic settings.

Successful social events are an opportunity for graduate students to meet with people outside their departments and to help them relax and blow off steam during stressful parts of the academic year.

I would like to thank *Technique* for providing me with a forum to express my views on the purposes of SGA and the role I would like to play.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish my opponent, Mitch Keller, good luck in next week's election.

## Candidate for Graduate President

### Kasi David



**Major:** MSE PhD. student

**SGA involvement:**

Graduate Student Body President 2004-2005

MSE Senator

Member, Joint Finance Committee

Member, Joint Campus Organization Committee

Chair, Graduate Conference Fund

**Campus involvement:**

President, Caribbean Students Association

Treasurer, Black Graduate Students Association

Continuing with the initiatives that have been established this past year, I plan to work on improving the sense of community among graduate students. The biggest challenge to ensuring that graduate students participate in campus life is the need to improve the lines of communication between the graduate student body and different units on campus, including SGA. I plan to implement a web-based community that is specifically focused on the needs of graduate students, and that can be used as a way of keeping graduate students in touch with each other and with campus events.

To improve the level of participation in campus life by graduate students, I plan to implement activities which will serve both the social and academic needs of the average graduate student. These social events like the always successful picnic, and planned mixers around campus will help bring graduate students from different colleges together in an environment that will foster communication. I also plan to extend this beyond Tech's boundaries to include graduate students from other Atlanta schools. The events will be planned in such a way that we will be able to focus on the social and cultural development of each graduate student, as well as having programs that are more oriented to graduate student families.

In terms of academic enrichment, I propose to build on the success of our first annual graduate student poster competition by planning a more inclusive event. I will work on making better connections with each school on campus, so that there will be more representation at the poster sessions. Future additions could include an oral presentation component and the possible inclusion of other schools in Atlanta.

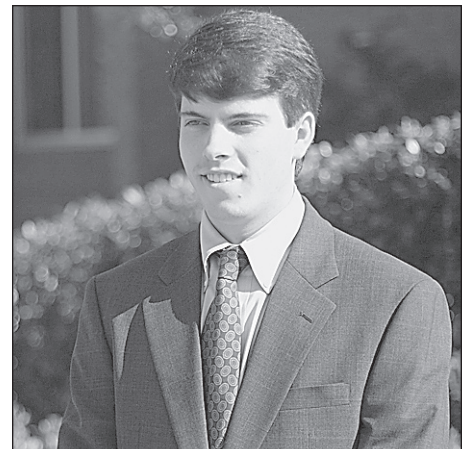
Graduate students pay for health insurance each year, mainly through plans offered by the school. I plan to continue working on finding ways to make this financial burden more bearable for graduate students, by working with the Institute to find plans which are most beneficial in terms of price and coverage.

In terms of the Graduate Student Government itself, I plan to make it more inclusive by pushing hard to fill the empty graduate student positions on both the Institute-Wide and SGA committees. I believe that this will ensure that the graduate student voice will be heard on campus.

My platform includes plans that will help graduate students take ownership of the campus as a whole, and also foster good ties among the graduate community.

I also plan to tap into the considerable diversity and human resources within the graduate student population at Tech to ensure that we produce the most well-rounded graduate students possible.

### David Andersen



#### Related Experience:

VP of Finance, summer 2004-spring 2005  
Chair, Joint Finance Committee, '04-'05  
Member, Undergraduate Executive Committee  
Member, Graduate Executive Committee  
Member, Undergraduate Advisory Board  
Undergraduate representative, fall '03-spring '04  
Member, Student Lobby Board  
Member, Academic Affairs Committee  
Member, Planning & Development Committee  
Member, Internal Development Committee  
Member, Athletic & Recreational Services Com.  
Chair, Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee on FY 2005 Budget  
CRC Advisory Board, fall '04-spring '05  
First Center Advisory Board, fall '04-spring '05  
Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee, fall '04-spring '05  
Technology Fee Advisory Committee, fall '04-spring '05  
Student Rules & Regulations Committee, fall '03-spring '04  
Chair, IFC Finance Committee, spring-fall '04  
Presidents' Council Governing Board, spring '04-fall '05  
Founding Member, BC Student Advisory Board, 2002-2003

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I'm running to be your next Student Body President because I want to work with you—the students—to make Tech even better. Having served as an executive officer this past year, I bring with me the most leadership experience in SGA. This experience is critical, giving me an in-depth understanding of how the system works. I have built strong relationships with high-level administrators that will allow me to start bringing positive, pro-student change to campus from day one.

As SGA's Vice President of Finance, I have been responsible for overseeing a Student Activity Fee budget of approximately \$3.5 million. During this time, I've worked to increase funding to campus-life initiatives including Sting Break. I recruited a Joint Finance Committee that reflected the many different types of Tech students, because all students should have a say in how their money is being allocated. I also worked directly with Tech's budget director and the current Student Body President to avoid state budget cuts and successfully prevent your tuition from increasing this spring.

Here are some key issues I plan to tackle as your next president. I will make it my No. 1 priority to fight to maintain adequate state funding for Tech, thus helping prevent future major hikes in your tuition. We can effectively lead this fight by organizing a statewide coalition of student government leaders. This committee's sole objective will be to continually lobby the state legislature on the importance of funding higher education. As students, we have proven ourselves to be most effective when we lobby as a coalition of schools.

Secondly, I want to fight against future large increases in your parking costs. Right now, when you break down the cost of a \$500 parking permit, nearly \$360 of that money goes to pay off the financing costs of Tech's new parking structures. I will work to ensure that these costs are shifted away from student wallets and picked up by the capital campaign, which is funded primarily through donations and grants, not tuition.

I will also work to implement an online ticketing process for basketball. I will work with my contacts in the Athletic Association to ensure that we establish an online ticketing system which is more fair and efficient than the current process, and which takes the best interests of the majority of students into account. There are many other components of my platform, including requiring professors to post grades prior to finals week, working to establish a Music Technology degree, and providing more funding for large-scale campus events. I would be truly honored to serve as your next President during such an important time in Tech's history.



## Candidates for Undergraduate Student Body President

## Andrew Howard



**Major:** Computer Science, **Class:** Fourth Year  
**SGA experience:**

Junior Class President  
Sophomore Class President  
Student Government Advisory Board  
Sophomore Class Representative  
Joint Finance Committee  
Four other committees  
**RHA experience:**  
Executive President, 2 terms  
Executive Treasurer  
National Communications Coordinator  
Freeman/Montag/Caldwell Hall Council Pres.

**Other involvements:**

Omicron Delta Kappa, Freshman Activities Board, Swarm, Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee, Ferst Center Advisory Board, Ramblin' Nights Steering Committee, GTSmart Steering Committee, Student Center Commons Renovation Committee, Housing Priorities/Selection Committee, Housing Budgetary Committee

**Website:** [www.voteAndrewHoward.com](http://www.voteAndrewHoward.com)

Leadership is built through experience, and over the last four years I have led the organizations in which I am involved with honesty, integrity and a commitment to serve. As your President, I will use this same belief system to ensure that your student government serves you to the best of its ability. There are many exciting and tough issues facing students over the next year including fee increases, parking, student tickets, and campus life initiatives; I promise to have your opinions heard on all these issues. I will focus on issues that matter most to students and I will surround myself with a dedicated, diverse group of leaders.

• **Advancing Academic Excellence:** I will fight to keep tuition low and to keep class sizes from growing. Student government will be your voice in state government and in Tech's administration. To keep up with our peer institutions, we must ensure Tech's academic experience is second to none.

• **Finals Prep Day or Reading Day:** More than 90 percent of the students I have talked to over the past week claimed to have a test, quiz or project due during dead week. I propose that the Friday of dead week be a "Reading Day." This would provide three guaranteed days to study or prepare for finals however you see fit.

• **Student Life Initiatives:** I will improve GT Night @ Six Flags by ensuring that rides run at full capacity and there is adequate transportation to and from the park. In addition, an easy (online) ticketing process will both increase participation and reduce ticketing headaches. I believe that student money earmarked for events should be used for memorable, big events—big name bands, comedians, picnic in the park, etc.

• **Varsity Sport Tickets:** Maintaining free student tickets will be one of my top priorities. I will work to create a fair online system for basketball tickets and ensure there are more student seats available for popular varsity sports. Students need easier access to away game tickets and need to be notified efficiently of changes to ticketing procedures.

• **USA Today Readership Program:** During spring '04, RHA placed six bins full of *NYTs*, *Wallstreet Journals*, and *USA Todays* around campus. In the following six weeks over 250,000 free newspapers were read by students. Surveys showed that this program was incredibly popular. As President, I will make this program a priority. It will increase readership and world knowledge on campus and give students something to do during Physics.

• **Midterm Course Critique:** Currently every student fills out an end-of-term 16-week course critique. I propose that we add an additional midterm anonymous course critique. This will allow professors to make adjustments to their courses earlier to better serve you.

• **Parking:** I will ensure that transportation costs are fairly divided between students and non-students, that parking tickets can be paid online, and that there is a fair and efficient procedure to appeal them.

## Tony Le



**Website:** [www.tonyforpres.com](http://www.tonyforpres.com)

I am a fifth-year EE/MGT major from Lilburn, Ga. I have been involved with many different organizations where I have gained diverse leadership experience. This experience comes from serving as President of over six different organizations that include the three Tech choirs, Omicron Delta Kappa and Team Buzz. I have also started a number of new campus initiatives, including new music programs, leadership programs and coordinating the Tech Tsunami Relief effort.

My focus as your new President would be to serve as the voice of the students. Coming from a non-SGA background, I have an outside view of what the average student wants from this organization. From working with so many student groups I feel like I have a better grasp of what is expected from SGA than my opponents.

I will establish an office hour in an open location on Skiles Walkway at the same time every week as an opportunity for students to voice concerns or ask questions about SGA. This will allow for better communication channels with the student body. I will start an eNewsletter about what SGA is currently working to accomplish. Also, by polling students more frequently and seeking the student voice, SGA will be able to pursue goals the student body stands behind.

Illegal mp3 download is a federal crime. Many top universities in the nation have elected to assist their students in providing a safe way of downloading music. Some schools completely subsidize the programs while others simply provide students the option.

I believe that Tech should follow suite. For a current student to subscribe to Napster, it would cost them 15 dollars a month. By going through the Institute and having them back our decision to protect ourselves, the cost can be driven down to just two dollars per month. This will be unsubsidized by the school and completely optional to the student.

After hearing many students concerns about our current ticketing system for basketball games, it seems there is a great need for improvement. This can be achieved by implementing a new online ticketing process.

Student will go online a week before the game they wish to attend and reserve their ticket. To redeem this reservation, they will simply swipe their BuzzCard at the coliseum. A program like this can be implemented by simply adding one dollar to our athletic fee per semester. This is a very small cost that will allow students to avoid standing in lengthy lines to gain admittance to basketball games.

I will work to improve the chartering process for student organizations. There is a need for it to be faster, and more transparent.

By ensuring that updates on constitutions are processed quickly, organizations will be able to proceed with regular business in a timely fashion. Organizations will receive a recommendation on their charter within a reasonable amount of time. The Joint Campus Organizations Committee members, whom I would appoint, will keep the commitment they made to Tech students. I will also appoint alternates to JCOC so it will be easier to make quorum.

Also, I intend to increase the opportunities available for on campus publicity. Publicity is essential to the success of events and existing methods, such as bulletin boards and plasma screens could be used more effectively. New publicity methods need to be created, such as an online portal that posts to all Institute publications and organizational email accounts ([yourorganization@gatech.edu](mailto:yourorganization@gatech.edu)).

I will support the proposal for grade substitution and will continue and improve the tradition of Tech Night at Six Flags.

Thank you for taking the time to become an informed voter, and I would greatly appreciate your support.

## Micah Lucas



**Major:** Architecture, **Class:** Third-year

Student Government Association  
Planning and Development Committee Member  
Campus Services Member  
Tuition Increase Ad Hoc Committee Member  
Sophomore Class Representative  
Joint Finance Committee Secretary  
Sergeant at Arms

Institute Wide Committee  
Master Planning and Development Committee Member  
Destruction of Campus Property Committee Member

Student Advisory Council Nominating Committee Member  
NOMAS Treasurer (National Organization of Minority Architecture Students)  
African American Student Union member  
STARS (Serving Teens And Rewarding Service) Team Leader Volunteer

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• **Increase Student Awareness**

As President, I would like to increase the student awareness by making sure students are knowledgeable of the information that is being produced at budgeting, planning and other administration meetings.

—hold regular informal meetings where students are able to come speak with their representatives and me; we will discuss the information discussed at the meetings as well as any concerns that students have.

—produce a regular column to make students aware.

—would like to work on additional methods of publicizing.

—create an outlet where students can go and see everything that each organization is doing for the week.

• **Enrich Campus Life**

Campus life is an issue that many students are well aware of. Many recent events have had large responses and many students have expressed the need to continue with those events as well as finding others.

—begin working with other campuses here in Atlanta to host larger events.

—provide students with a database of information where they can access information to help plan student events more easily.

—continue current President's work regarding the creation of a Stringer route to Atlantic Station.

• **Improve Student Safety**

A major issue on campus still seems to be theft, primarily auto theft.

—work with the Campus Safety Walk to find areas on campus that are not well lit or appear to be unsafe.

—work with the Georgia Tech Police Department about the security in each parking lot.

• **Enhance Quality of Education**

Tech has proved to be one of the best Institutes and is constantly making advances to keep that status.

—work with the Lobby Board to make sure that the funds from the capital campaign are being used for additional scholarships, being used to keep the good teachers and good staff, and being used to stay competitive with technology.

—continue evaluating student fees and how they are allocated through each organization.

## Will Welch



**Website:** [www.willwelch.com](http://www.willwelch.com)

I am Will Welch, and I'm running for the presidency of SGA. I have been involved with SGA at numerous levels over the past three years, and SGA is an organization in which I strongly believe. Please see the rest of my platform at [www.willwelch.com](http://www.willwelch.com).

**More, And Better, Student Seating**

Student sections are the driving force behind the experience of attending an NCAA athletic event, and can create an incredible home court advantage. It is students who give the best support to our teams, and, accordingly, students should have both a greater presence in the stadium and a closer view of the action.

**Enhanced Cooperation With Local SGAs**

As college students in Atlanta, we face unique challenges, as well as unique opportunities. Students at many other Atlanta colleges and universities deal with these same matters as well. As president, I would work with other local SGAs to tackle the issues with which we all deal, and to build a deeper bond amongst our institutions.

**Promoting The Use Of Capital Campaign Funds To Subsidize Study Abroad**

As Tech prepares to start a \$1.2 billion capital campaign, I feel that it is critical that a portion of those funds go towards the subsidization of study abroad programs. Study abroad can be an amazing experience, and we are well served by OIE, but the costs of these programs can run into the thousands of dollars. If Tech is to position itself as a truly global institution, we must enable our students to go out into the world, bring back new knowledge, and spread the word of Georgia Tech.

**Better Notification Of Campus Events**

As president, I would like to see the creation of a customizable email list used to promote on-campus events. A student would be able to sign up to receive an email every time a concert is being held, or when a cultural organization is holding a food fair, for example. We have many vibrant student organizations, and the rest of the Tech student body deserves to be aware of the many great things they are doing.

**Show Students The Workings Of SGA**

You deserve to know what your SGA is doing. We need the input of students, and the best way to get that input is to make sure that students are involved and engaged in SGA. The more input we have, the better we will be able to tailor our initiatives to the needs of the student body. I would like to get students involved with brainstorming new ideas for SGA, and would like to do an even better job of making the proceedings of Undergraduate House meetings widely known.

**Assisting Student Organizations In The Planning Of Events**

Student organizations may be reluctant to create new campus events simply because they are unsure of where to start. I would seek to create an event committee, comprised of students with significant experience in the planning of events, to serve as a task force to assist these groups. I would also like to create a comprehensive guide to the administrative policies that affect these organizations, so that, rather than going from one office to another, students would have a central resource, and a point at which they could begin event planning.

This is only a portion of my platform; as president, I would seek to pursue these and many other initiatives. I encourage you to visit my website to see what else I would like to do as your president. Be sure to Vote Will, Vote Will April 11-13.



Candidates for undergraduate representative positions

**Freshman Representative**  
Grant Cassidy      Alex Overall  
David Gluck      Shruthi Panicker  
Jonathan Horowitz      Matt Peeples  
Vanessa Larco      Mark Youngblood  
Chukwuma E. Nweke      Sidrah Zaidi

**Sophomore Representative**  
Joseph Caubo      Charles Liscum  
Patrick Cook      Clay Morgan  
Ashley Elleby      Katie Snedeker  
Christopher Eells      Matt Ward  
Brianna Ford      Jeff Wei  
Raghav Himatsingka      Brittany Young  
Brandon Kearse

**Junior Representative**  
Elizabeth Burchfield      John Putrich  
Mary Clark      Victoria Tsai  
Emily Marx

**Senior Representative**  
Sherard Chiu      Danny Puckett  
Maya E. Monroe      Kevin Sinha

**Architecture/BC/ID**  
Thomas Frey  
Nadine A. Kashlan

**Aerospace Engineering**  
Jessica Ann Calhoun      Daniel Hegeman  
Prashanta Bagchi      Sun Tso Hsieh  
Stephanie Bills      Luke McCloud

**Biology**  
Arron Bolduc  
Micah Ramsey

**Biomedical Engineering**  
Brantley Beaird      R. Michael Dorman  
Matthew Bergingki

**Computer Science**  
Josh Laseter      Kathy Pham  
Gary Mann

**Chemical Engineering**  
Wibawa Tanutama  
Veda Bartlow

**Chemistry**  
Damien C. Brooks

**Civil and Enviromental Engineering**  
Aaron Bivins

**EAS**  
Alice Koerner

**Economics**  
Lauren Forbes

**Electrical & Computer Eng.**  
Aakash Jariwala  
Kevin Kung  
Edward Tamsberg

**HTS**  
Anna R. King

**Industrial & System Engineering**  
Jamal Ashraf      Steven K. Hardy  
Kyle Brumby      Claudia Jones

**International Affairs**  
Rafael Corrales  
Chris Sung

**Management**  
Michael Bennicelli  
Ashley Johnson  
Mark Russell

**Materials Science & Engineering**  
Sidhartha Gupta

**Mechanical Engineering**  
Jamie Cruce  
Robert Grant  
John Nevin

**Physics**  
Stephen Webb

**Polymer, Textile & Fiber Engineering**  
Matthew T. Black

**Public Policy**  
Doug Gladden

**Psychology**  
Elizabeth Van Patten

**Co-Op**  
Andrew deRussy  
Steven Richman

**Mathematics, STAC:** none

Candidates for Undergraduate Executive Vice President

Saira Amir

**Major:** Public Policy, **Class:** Senior  
**SGA Experience:**  
UHR Class Representative, '02-'03 session  
UHR Class Representative, '03-'04 session  
UHR Class Representative, '04-'05 session  
FreShGA  
House Advisory Committee, Chair  
Priority Registration Committee, member  
SGA Roundtable, member  
Up With the White and Gold Committee, SGA delegate  
Lee O. Wilcox Servant Leadership Award, award coordinator  
GT Night at Six Flags  
SAC One Night Stand  
**Leadership and Organization Membership:**  
Mock Trial Team, Vice President '04  
GT Symphony Orchestra  
LEARN Steering Committee  
SophCom Executive Board  
FASET Leader '04  
Phi Alpha Delta (Pre Law Fraternity)

**Website:** www.Saira4VP.com

While the president position deals with student life and campus activities on a regular basis, the main focus for the vice president is running the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR). The UHR is the body that allocates the Student Activity Fee back to the students by funding organizations and clubs. We deal with a budget of over three million dollars. Most of my platform deals with how to run UHR meetings efficiently and allocate funding responsibly.



- **Less talk, more action**  
The pace at which UHR meetings run is entirely dependant upon the vice president. If he or she is familiar with the meeting process and Robert's Rules of Order, meetings are effective. If I am elected Vice President, I pledge to run meetings more efficiently. That way, your time is not wasted and the representatives give your organization the full consideration it deserves.
- **Equal Opportunity for Organizations Requesting Funds**  
You pay the student activity fee so you should benefit from it. As a member of the UHR for 3 years, I am used to working with many organizations that are familiar with the system and ask for funding on a regular basis. However, there are a lot

Paul Byrne

**Hometown:** Birmingham, AL  
**Major:** ISyE  
**SGA Experience:**  
Member, Governmental & External Affairs Committee '03-'04  
Member, Internal Development Committee '03-'05  
Co-chair/Founder, Student Lobby Board '03-'05  
Sophomore Representative  
Junior Representative  
Member, Executive Appointments Committee  
**Campus Experience:**  
Officer, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity  
Officer, Navy ROTC  
Team Captain, intramurals

**Website:** www.pb4vp.com

- **On Undergraduate House Meetings:**  
I am committed to faster, more efficient house meetings. As the head of the Undergraduate House, I will train House representatives to use more effective debate and to prepare for meetings in advance through the use of the current caucus system.  
I will also use the UHR to address key campus issues such as the current alcohol policy, grade forgiveness, and student services by establishing a system of special interest groups that will work side by side with standing executive committees to address and solve the problems students experience.  
I am further committed to responsibly managing the Student Activity Fee funds. No organization



- should be without money at the end of the year because the House mismanaged its funds and doesn't have any money left at the end of spring semester. As the chair of the UHR, I will ensure this doesn't happen.
- **On Student Services:**  
As Executive Vice President, I will work with Auxiliary Services to expand the operating hours of the Student Center food court to include dinner hours, expand the list of businesses that accept BuzzCard off campus, and lower the cost of parking permits and pay-lot rates for students who drive from off campus. All three of these things will serve each and every student.

Victor Jaworski

As SGA Vice President, I will have the unique ability to provide strong, well-rounded leadership, being a fresh face in SGA. With my maverick point of view, I will mold the actions of the Undergraduate House of Representatives around the goal of SGA-student body interaction. My extensive experiences in various organizations around campus will make my position a voice of the students, not that of an SGA insider.  
I will work with all levels of administration to make sure that an unacceptable tuition hike does not happen again. I will be adamant in creating a better dining program on campus; I want to see new restaurants, food quality increased and hours expanded. I will promote a fun, social lifestyle on Tech campus by continuing to book comedians and music concerts and by interacting with the IFC to get the Greeks more involved in SGA functions.  
I will oversee the Student Activity Fee and see that it gets fairly distributed among all clubs and organizations on campus. Tech is a very proactive



campus and provides opportunities for everyone's passions. All clubs and organizations, primarily Tier II and III, must be made aware of the procedures and deadlines involved in funding requests; the fiscally irresponsible trend of giving away all Student Activity Fee funding immediately at the

of other organizations that are not asking, and as a result, not getting. If elected, I will hold sessions on how the student activity fee allocation process works. These sessions will be highly publicized and all organizations will be invited to attend. Furthermore, "running out of money" is not an excuse the UHR should ever use. From the start, the UHR needs to be fiscally responsible and needs to allocate funds appropriately. This is a concept I will emphasize to the new representatives during the training workshops at throughout the session.

- **Just say NO to tuition hikes!**  
I worked full time for the State Legislature during the 2004 session. I will maintain regular contact with key members of the legislature so that they are aware of our needs and opinions before they vote on legislation that affects us.
- **Be a Voice of the Students**  
SGA represents all students at Tech. If elected, I will make it a point to bring as many perspectives to the table as possible.
- **Student Life**  
I pledge to promote campus wide events by seeing to it that representatives of the UHR get the word out to their constituents. What sets me apart from the other candidates is experience. To lead the Undergraduate House, you need to know what it is like to be a representative. I have spent the last three years as a member of the House and I have served under four different vice presidents. I have seen first hand what works and what does not. I will be able to incorporate this knowledge during my term if you elect me as your next SGA vice president. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks for your support!

- **Student Involvement:**  
As a member of the Greek community, I will work closely with fraternity and sorority chapters to expand student involvement both on campus and in SGA in particular. I will also hold regularly scheduled town-hall-style meetings to keep the students abreast of the UHR's business and to hold student leaders accountable to the students who elected them.
- **Priority Registration:**  
Each year, candidates talk a lot about working to ensure priority registration for ROTC students simply to get the ROTC vote and then forget about the promises they made when they take office. As a member of ROTC, I have seen first hand the need for ROTC students to obtain priority registration. As an upperclassman in ROTC, I will not personally experience the benefits of such a program, but as with every student group, I want to see those who truly need priority registration as ROTC does get it and use it.
- **Student Life:**  
I have been a Tech student since the fall of 2002 and I have seen the need and desire for better entertainment programs for students. As the UHR chair, I will work closely with your reps to ensure the student center programs council has the funding it needs to bring big-name bands, comedians, and movies to you the students. Student life is quite possibly the most important aspect of Tech. I want it to continue to improve with SGA's help and support.

beginning of the year without regard for future requests will come to a halt.  
I will see to it that everyone will have a fair chance for SGA funding, which means streamlining the budget process to encourage development of all organizations.  
I have the work and leadership experience to effectively run the office of the Vice President. By being a headguard at the CRC, Vice President of Chi Psi, WREK 91.1 FM Business Manager, a representative of the InterFraternity Council and working with RHA, FASET and Team Buzz, I have developed the leadership skills necessary to efficiently run the legislative meetings and get the job done.  
It is time for SGA to have a fresh face at the head of the table to make sure that business is not run as usual. I pledge to create strong lines of communication amongst SGA members and between SGA and the undergraduate student body. I am not a politician, but a candidate of the people; an everyday guy. As your Vice President, I will ensure that the issues that affect us all get resolved efficiently and effectively.

The SGA election begins Monday, April 11 and runs through Wednesday, April 13.  
Voting is online at elections.gatech.edu.